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## INTRODUCTION

The Delhi Minorities Commission is pleased to publish its tenure's second annual report. It covers the Commission's work during 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. The report includes a glimpse of the activities within the Commission as well as those commissioned by the Commission or where Commission Chairman and Members participated in minorities-related activities across NCT of Delhi and beyond.

**Annual Report 2016-17:** The annual report for 2016-17 was duly published and presented to Shri Anil Baijal, Hon'ble Lt. Governor Delhi and to Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Govt. of NCT of Delhi on 22 November, 2017. It was also sent to various ministers and head of departments of the Government of NCT of Delhi as well as to all members of the Delhi Legislative Assembly and to mediapersons as well as to some members of the advisory committees and empanelled NGOs of the Commission. It was also sent to the National Minorities Commission and the minorities commissions in various states. DMC annual report 2017-18 was not placed before the Assembly. Through an effective amendment of the DMC Act, placing of its annual reports alongwith action taken report should be made mandatory within a time-bound limit.

**Annual Conference:** During the year under review (2018-19), the Commission, for the first time in its history, held its annual conference on a grand level attended by about a thousand persons including a large number of DMC advisory and peace committees' members as well as invited guests and media. It was held on 17 December 2018 at the Vigyan Bhawan and was attended by Hon'ble Speaker, Delhi Assembly and two ministers of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

**Awards:** Since 2018, DMC started a new initiative to honour minority and majority people who have been making a difference in the lives of the citizens of Delhi in various walks of life. They included from each minority community two children who have achieved top positions in their Secondary and Senior Secondary (High School & Intermediate) studies; three NGOs out of the NGOs empanelled with DMC who have worked outstandingly; three members from each minority community who have performed outstandingly in supporting minority community people; two journalists from each community; two teachers from each community; two human rights activists from each community; two communal harmony workers from each community and five awards to majority community activists for communal harmony and human rights (*please see pp. 143*). This year (2019) too the Commission will honour members of each designated minority community who have carried out outstanding work. We asked our advisory and peace committees members, empanelled NGOs and schools and invited even general public to nominate deserving candidates. There was an overwhelming response to this initiative. DMC selects most eligible candidates for these honours although not everyone eligible could be selected. Some nominations which could not be selected this year, due to limited numbers of awards, may be selected in future.

**Mosques, dargahs and waqf lands:** During the period under review, we have seen constant attacks and encroachments by individuals and government authorities on mosques, dargahs, waqf lands and church properties with a view to occupy and usurp lands. Details of some recent cases in NCT of Delhi are found in this report. Delhi witnesses, as some other parts of the country, continuation of denial to allow prayer (*namaz*) in the so-called "protected" mosques

under Archaeological Survey of India. Except *namaz*, for which these buildings were built, everything else is allowed in these monuments. Offering five-times *namaz* will not only protect these monuments from anti-social elements, but will also ensure their repair, cleanliness and upkeep at the community's expense. We recommend to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to take a pioneering step by freeing such mosques at least for prayers across Delhi.

**Loans to minorities:** Financial institution charged with the responsibility of extending loans to minorities in NCT of Delhi, like Delhi Khadi & Village Industries Board and SC/ST/OBC/Minorities Finance & Development Corporation have miserably failed to discharge their duties properly as details inside will show (*please see p. 32*). Last year's figures were also miserable. Amounts of loans offered are meagre and made much more difficult to get because two government employees are required to stand as guarantors for loans *above* Rs 50,000. This should be relaxed and other guarantors and collateral of other kind should be accepted. The Commission asks the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to probe the role and deficiencies of these institutions and if they refuse to change their behaviour and become really beneficial to the minorities and other poor and needy classes, they should be closed down altogether.

**Certificates of income issued by SDMs:** Applications for Central and state scholarships schemes for minority students have been made difficult by the requirement to produce income certificates from SDMs. Corruption is rife in SDM offices where artificial hurdles and delays are manufactured to make people pay bribes to avail a free service. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why alarmingly low numbers are applying for these scholarships. Compared to the last year, the number of successful applicants has gone down drastically which is alarming (*please see page 136*). It is our submission to the Government of India and the Govt. of NCT of Delhi that the earlier method of self-declaration of income should be re-adopted to make life easier for the parents of our students who are finding it difficult to procure documents and upload them in time. Also, off-line applications should also be accepted because illiterate and semi-literate parents find it difficult to apply online. These two relaxations for both state and Central government scholarships will go a long way to mitigate the hardships faced by our students. Schools which refuse to verify the details of their students should be punished. Moreover, department of education should make private schools and zonal offices of the Department of Education responsible for holding evening or weekly camps to fill up forms of its students.

**Reluctance of some victims to come forward:** We continue to find that at times victims are reluctant to come forward either due to fear of backlash in their locality, police or workplace or because they do not have time to pursue their cases. DMC urges minority victims in NCT of Delhi to come forward and file their complaints with proofs so that they can avail free, easy and quick justice. If we want justice and fair deal for all of us, we will have to come forward fearlessly and devote a little time to correct the system and check anti-social elements and criminals in society.

**Communal situation:** We are pleased to note that NCT of Delhi has been largely free from attacks on minorities during the year under review, barring some small incidents in which Police took timely action. There was no attack on the Christian minority in the period under review but church properties and cemeteries continue to face problems. Delhi Minorities Commission has been proactive, taking immediate action whenever any case is reported in media or a substantiated complaint is received. The Commission recommends to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to formulate a clear policy about prevention of communal riots and a fixed

compensation to all victims of communal violence and lynching, particularly to the next of kin of persons killed/injured in such incidents.

**OBC certificates:** Contrary to the assurances of the concerned department (*please see DMC report 2017-2018, p. 83*), obtaining an OBC certificate is not easy or timely for citizens of the NCT of Delhi. This should be streamlined and also the requirement that an applicant should prove that he or his parents have been living in Delhi *since 1993* should be relaxed as migrations are a fact of life and continuously people are moving from rural areas to towns and cities. We suggest that the requirement should be only three years prior to filing the application. Moreover, a list of the documents required for OBC and income certificates should be prominently displayed outside SDM/Tehsildar officers with strict instruction to the staff not to ask for any other papers. Such staff asking for unnecessary papers should be punished for unnecessarily harassing the public.

**Loan sharks:** People on the sidelines, especially minorities, are prone to worst exploitation at the hands of loan sharks operating on the sly in poor localities, charging huge sums as interest. They readily advance small amounts to the needy and thereafter suck them like leeches using all kinds of coercive methods including threats to kill the victim if he/she did not pay. The victims are ruined within years but the demands of the loan sharks and their thugs never end. Lending (usury) business by private persons should be banned. Legal aid should be provided to these victims and ways should be found to offer easy credit to people facing emergency situations like payment of medical bills or marriage expenses of their daughters or payment of school/college fees of their children. The government must take a strong stand against this activity; declare such business illegal with huge punishments. The government should announce that victims are not liable to pay anything to these leeches.

**Scholarships, tuition fees reimbursement and stationary help:** This is a big scheme of the Central and state governments but, as the details elsewhere in this report will show, these schemes are not reaching eligible people in NCT of Delhi because of lack of information and technical hurdles. The number of beneficiaries this year has gone down sharply compared to the last year (*please see page 136; last year's figure on page 106 of DMC annual report 2017-18*). These figures show that the impact of this scheme is negligible as far as minorities in Delhi are concerned. People dealing with the concerned department constantly complain about delays, non-payments and uncooperative nature of the staff who have to be sanitised about their required behaviour with ordinary people who are the real stakeholders of our country. The department may be suffering from lack of adequate and skilled staff; if so, this must be tackled. DMC has been trying to educate the masses about this and other government schemes through awareness camps in all parts of Delhi. Since a majority of parents of eligible students are illiterate or semi-literate, applications should be allowed off-line also.

**Awareness camps:** Compared to previous years, the Commission held a record number of official awareness camps as well as non-official camps [where no monetary help was offered to the organizing NGOs]. Last year the DMC held 20 official awareness camps in collaboration with empanelled NGOs. During the year under review, DMC held 40 awareness camps in various areas of NCT of Delhi with a view to reach out to minorities in those areas and educate them about their rights, duties and priorities and how to access various government schemes, especially educational fee-reimbursements and scholarships since education must be the most important priority of every family in order to rise and succeed in future. Also, DMC conducted

training sessions at its conference room for selected members of its advisory committees so that they in turn become motivators and trainers in their areas.

**Representation of minorities in Govt. and PSUs:** Serious under-representation of minorities in Govt. and PSUs continues to be a matter of grave concern. Our annual reports used to reproduce official information culled from a few government departments and PSUs (in the last annual report we had reproduced data of only 15 Govt. departments and PSUs) which showed that the representation of minorities in government departments and PSUs continued to be very low. This year we asked all government departments and PSUs in NCT of Delhi to provide us this information (*please replies from 117 departments and PSUs on pp. 37*). The results are alarming as they show that the representation of minorities remains extremely low in almost all departments and PSUs, so much so for the saffron propaganda about “appeasement” of minorities or that minorities are stealing all the jobs and opportunities. Minorities in the NCT of Delhi represent close to 20 percent of the population but their representation in Government services is below 5 percent in most services, at times their representation is nil. There is no marked improvement despite many promises and schemes in the wake of Prime Minister’s 15-point Programme, Sachar Report of 2006 and Justice Misra Commission Report of 2007. A pro-active approach is needed to give minorities their due in government services and facilities commensurate with their percentage in the population. Clear cut and measurable steps must be taken to ensure better and fair representation of all minorities commensurate to their ratio in the state population. DMC recommends to the Government of NCT of Delhi to fully implement the recommendations of Sachar committee and Misra Commission in its area of jurisdiction at least in NCT of Delhi. If need be, minority quota should be fixed and representation of minorities on the selection committees made mandatory (*please see on p. 139 DMC Chairman’s letter to Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi*).

**Media:** DMC has been able to keep a distinct presence in electronic and print media during the year under review. Some details are found elsewhere in this report. Some actions of the Commission drew special attention. Press releases are sent out from time to time despite the fact that the Commission does not have a media officer. Representatives of newspapers and channels routinely contact Commission chairman and members for information and comments.

**Bureaucracy attitude:** Commission feels that bureaucracy within DMC and without is not very cooperative about its initiatives, work and queries. This creates a sense of helplessness and affects the momentum of work. Hence, it takes months to accomplish something which could be done within days or a week. Files are unnecessarily moved around within and without which wastes time. The Commission cannot be treated as an ordinary government department. Every Commission is created on the basis of an Act of Parliament or Assembly to monitor and assess work. Treating Commissions as ordinary government departments defeats their purpose. We call upon the Government of NCT of Delhi to clarify the status of the Commission *vis-à-vis* the bureaucratic setup of the Government. We feel that the Commission should be free to act within the limits set by its Act.

**DMC's requirements:** DMC is acutely under-staffed. For a proper and smooth functioning, DMC needs at least double the current strength of staff. Most of Commission staff is on deputation from other departments. As of now, the Commission does not have even the sanctioned strength. A letter sent to the Services department in this connection on 3 May, 2019 remains unanswered. Despite paucity of staff, some other departments like Delhi Election

Commission and DSSSB keep posting our staff in various duties at other places, which seriously disrupts our work. This should be stopped and such requirement should be met from departments which have large staffs.

The Commission's work suffered in the first half of 2019 due to the recall of a number of its staff for election duty from early March to end June 2019. This almost brought our work to a standstill because some crucial staff was not available during this period. Arbitrary administrative repatriation of some staff including the Dy. Secretary, whose work is crucial, also affected our efficiency.

The Commission also needs **Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu translators and a full-time media officer**. Lack of translators and a media officer represents a big hurdle in the timely interaction of the Commission with the targeted communities and media. DMC's budget should also be adequately enhanced to meet the new initiatives of the Commission. The DMC Act should also be amended to give it more powers and define its duties, especially to create its own staff to investigate cases. As of now the Commission has to rely on the Delhi Police to investigate cases. Past experience shows that this arrangement is not satisfactory as the police force usually does not respond in time and because it itself is a respondent in a majority of complaints filed by minorities in NCT of Delhi.

**Salaries of the Commission's Chairman and members** remain static as they were fixed in 2000 despite many revisions since by the Union Pay Commission. At present salaries of the Commission's Chairman and members are below the minimum wages prescribed by Govt. of NCT of Delhi and yet Delhi government has failed until now to rectify the situation.

**More budgetary support:** To be able to do all this, Delhi Minorities Commission needs more funds and active support of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The funds should be at least doubled to enable the Commission to undertake various proposals including the ones mentioned above and also to offer monetary appreciation to the people given DMC awards every year.

**Legal panel:** The Commission should have its own full-fledged legal panel. In lieu of a full-fledged panel, the Commission has appointed a few part-time advocates who help the Commission in its legal work. This is necessary because the Law Department of Govt. of NCT of Delhi has officially informed the Commission that it offers its services only to the departments of the government while the Commission is autonomous and it should make its own arrangements. We feel that adequate funds should be provided to enable the Commission to employ a few full-time advocates to help in its proceedings, offer free consultation to complainants and look after the DMC cases. Some advocates volunteered to offer their part-time services to the Commission. The Commission appreciated their gesture and resolved to accept their services for the Commission on a part-time basis for which they are paid a token honorarium.

**Notice boards in minority areas:** The Commission proposed last year to install notice boards in minority areas across NCT of Delhi where announcements and notices about various government schemes and useful information may be displayed regularly. Such notice boards existed in the past but somehow they were discontinued. This proposal could not be put into effect. The Commission will try to accomplish this in the remaining period of its tenure.

**Offices in Delhi Assembly constituencies/districts:** Last year we proposed to open a small office in each Delhi Assembly constituency or at least in each Delhi district to serve and guide minorities. It will enlighten people about their rights and duties and will facilitate filling up of forms and follow up with concerned departments. This small office will be manned by one qualified person and an assistant, equipped with computer with Internet connection and telephone line. These small offices will assist poor minority people access government services like scholarships, loans and other schemes like widow and senior citizen's pensions, rations cards etc. Each such office may be managed by an NGO empanelled with DMC and each such NGO will be paid the actual cost of running the office. This proposal is still under the consideration of the Commission.

**Skill development:** The Commission also plans to revive a previous scheme to help skill development including computer classes and short skill courses run by NGOs with the help of the Commission. This will be boon for thousands of dropouts from schools who find it difficult to find a proper job due to lack of education and useful skills.

**Buland Masjid dispensary, Shastri Park, East Delhi:** This facility is being built with MSDP funds. The project was supposed to be ready in early 2017. The stalled second instalment was released by the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs after Chairman DMC wrote to the Minister. The building is almost ready but no progress has been made during the last two years due to the inefficiency of the District Magistrate North East who is responsible for the scheme's execution (*please see page 25*). It is our recommendation that the building should be taken over by the Department of Health, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, which should take care of finishing and equipping the dispensary with facilities and staff so that citizens of the area may benefit from it.

**Registration of Muslim marriages:** Muslim couples wishing to register their marriages in Delhi are offered only two options, *viz.*, to register as a civil marriage or under Hindu code which robs them of their legal rights under the Shariat Act 1937 to follow Islamic Shariat in matters of personal laws. Govt. of NCT of Delhi should make a provision in the official registration procedure to offer a third option for Muslim couples to enable them to register their marriages under the Shariat Act 1937.

**Registration of madrasas:** The Commission also plans to start registration of madrasas in NCT of Delhi so that they may apply for SPQEM funds which are denied to Delhi madrasas because they are not registered by a government body. This is an old scheme of DMC on behalf of the Delhi Government which somehow could not be pursued in previous years.

**Seminars and discussions:** The Commission proposes to hold from time to time seminars and discussions on issues affecting minorities. The Commission has resolved that proposals from empanelled NGOs for holding conferences and seminars, conducting research and publishing books will also be considered provided same is within the purview of the aims of the Commission and relates to NCT of Delhi.

**Loans schemes:** It is clear that DSSOM&HF&DCL and Delhi Khadi & Village Industries Board (DK&VIB) have failed to serve in a meaningful way the minority communities in NCT of Delhi. The DMC proposes to call for a series of meetings with the officials of the DSSOM&HF&DCL, DK&VIB and similar organisations to know the hurdles and thrash out their functioning. From what we have seen until now, it may be said safely that both DSSOM&HF&DCL and DK&VIB have failed to serve the minority communities in NCT of

Delhi. Govt. of NCT of Delhi should appoint a high-power committee to study the purpose, functioning and delivery of these organisations in order to come to a conclusion if they have been able to discharge their duties. If not, a major restructuring should be done or out-of-the-box solutions should be found.

**Lynching victims:** Though rare in NCT of Delhi, yet cases of lynching do occur in Delhi once in a while. We recommended to the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to formulate a set policy of compensation to the victims' family. We suggest that the compensation should be at least Rs. 20 lakh and should be paid automatically within weeks of such ghastly incidents which are a blot on our society and demonstrate a failure of the state and law and order machinery to protect citizens.

We thank Govt. of NCT of Delhi, DMC staff, members of Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Jain, Buddhist and Parsi advisory committees, members of the Peace Committee and NGOs empanelled with DMC as well as government departments and mediapersons for their cooperation and support which has facilitated the work of the Commission. We thank Hon'ble Lt. Governor for conceding our request to transfer/replace our previous non-cooperative Secretary.

We hope this report will serve to inform the government, general public and media about DMC work and the activities of the Government of NCT Delhi for minorities and nation-building.

We welcome criticism, opinions and suggestions from all sections of society to improve our work and to reach out to unreached people and areas in order to serve all minorities as best as we can.

DR ZAFARUL-ISLAM KHAN, Chairman  
KARTAR SINGH KOCHHAR, Member  
ANASTASIA GILL, Member  
DELHI MINORITIES COMMISSION

## THE CURRENT COMMISSION



**Dr ZAFARUL-ISLAM KHAN**, Chairman, is a senior journalist. He studied in India, Egypt and UK. He worked in Egypt, Libya and UK. He was the Chief Editor of *The Milli Gazette* from its inception in January 2000 to December 2016. Dr Khan is author and translator of over 50 books in English, Urdu and Arabic published in Cairo, Beirut, London and Delhi. He was President for three terms of the All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat (AIMMM), the umbrella body of Indian Muslim organisations and eminent personalities. He is Chairman of Charity Alliance which is doing

charitable work among some of the most disadvantaged people in places like Murshidabad and Muzaffarnagar since 2005. He has attended dozens of conferences across the world and has delivered keynote addresses in many Indian and foreign universities. He organized a number of international conferences in London and Delhi including the International Dialogue Between Islam & Oriental Religions in February 2010 at Delhi which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-President, Shri Hamid Ansari. Dr Khan frequently appears on top Indian and foreign TV channels on issues related to the Subcontinent and the Muslim World. He was appointed as the Chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission on 15th July, 2017 for a three-year term. Along with the two Members of the Commission, he assumed charge on 20 July, 2017.



**Shri KARTAR SINGH KOCHHAR**, Member, has been holding both political and social positions with a pious aim to serve the needy people barring their caste, creed and religion. He held political positions as Member of Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee as Joint Secretary from 2007 to 2013 and as Chairman, Governing Body of Guru Harkishan Public School Society (Regd.) during 2009-2015. He is a Life Member of the National Rifle Association of India. He is a Member of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India

(ASSOCHAM), India; General Secretary, Green Garden Association (Regd.), New Delhi; Vice-Patron, Red Cross Society, New Delhi; Member, DDA Sports Club, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi; Member, Safdarjung Club, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi and Life Member, Investors Club, Greater Kailash, New Delhi; President, Safdarjung Development Area Market Welfare Association, New Delhi, since 1977 till date, and General Secretary, All India Tent Dealers Welfare Organisation (Regd.), New Delhi since 2000 till date. Besides, he held coveted positions in the past as President, Usha Niketan Residents Welfare Association, Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi; Vice President, Safdarjung Club, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi and Patron, Safdarjung Development Area Residents Welfare Association, New Delhi. He is a cosmopolitan and he has immensely contributed his life for the betterment of society. He has been serving the people and society with the sole aim of ameliorating their lives in all scopes.



**Ms. ANASTASIA GILL**, Member, is an advocate. She hails from village Ranbir Singh Pura under Jammu & Kashmir. She belongs to a Roman Catholic family and has three brothers and two sisters. She is also a dedicated nun belonging to the religious congregation Presentation Sisters which originated in Ireland, and has been doing pioneering work in education in India. She graduated from Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University; completed her masters in social work (MSW) from Mumbai University and did her LLB and LLM from Sardar Patel University. Apart from this, she is a Member of the National Dalit Christian Watch, National Christian Dalit Council (NCDC) NCCI and Human Rights Networks working for Dalits, Women and Minorities. She has presented papers in UK on the plight of Dalits and participated in many conference and seminars in UK. She has published articles in well-known journals. She has received many National and International awards. She is known for her activism for Dalit women and dignity of human persons in judicial activism. She has worked for the plight of the under-trial prisoners in various jails. She is well appreciated for her positive energy and believes in team spirit to build a better World. Anastasia has worked in various levels as coordinator and networking for social work interventions for the last 20 years. She had been working as a practicing advocate in Supreme Court, High Court and district courts before her appointment as Member, Delhi Minorities Commission.

## PREVIOUS COMMISSIONS

<i>Period</i>	<i>Chairmen</i>
20-05-2000 – 19-03-2003	Shri Zafar Ali Naqvi
01-10-2003 – 03-09-2006	Prof. Abu Baker
14-05-2007 – 19-05-2010	Shri Kamal Faruqi
23-03-2011 – 03-03-2014	Shri Safdar H. Khan
04-03-2014 – 03-03-2017	Shri Qamar Ahmad

## DELHI MINORITIES COMMISSION

Delhi Minorities Commission was set up as a Statutory Body by an Act called **Delhi Minorities Commission Act, 1999** passed by Delhi Assembly. The Act received the assent of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi on 7 February, 2000.

### (a) Constitution of the Commission

The Act stipulates that the Chairperson and Members of the Commission shall hold office for a period of three years from the date they assume office.

The Commission consists of a full-time Chairperson and two full-time Members nominated by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi from among the designated Minority Communities. The three-year tenure of the current Commission will end on 19 July, 2020.

The Commission meets every week or whenever required. When no meeting is held for some reason, files are rotated between Members. Formal and informal administrative meetings are held whenever need arises. There is no fixed day for hearings which are held as per dates given to the complainant and respondent(s).

Visitors seeking to meet the Chairman or Members are entertained without delay on all working days. Complaints are acted upon same or next day of receipt. Two notices are sent to the respondents giving them about two weeks' time after each notice, after which a hearing is called. Matters are usually decided after the first hearing.

### (b) Administrative set-up of the Commission

SECRETARY

DY. SECRETARY

ADMIN. OFFICER

ACCOUNTS OFFICER

COMMISSION STAFF

ADMN. STAFF

ACCOUNTS STAFF

## DMC'S FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

**The Commission shall perform all or any of the following functions as per Section 10 of the Delhi Minorities Act 1999:**

- a) Examine the working of various safeguards provided in the Constitution of India or the laws enacted by Parliament and the laws passed by the Legislative Assembly of Delhi, for the protection of the Minority Communities, and to make recommendations to ensure their effective implementation;
- b) Monitor the implementation of the policies and schemes of the Government for the welfare of Minority Communities;
- c) Conduct studies, research and analysis in order to make recommendations to promote the socio-economic uplift of the Minority Communities and facilitate their optimum participation in nation-building;
- d) Cause studies to be undertaken into problems concerning minorities;
- e) Hold seminars, debates and discussions on problems arising out of any discrimination against Minority Communities and recommend measures for their solutions;
- f) Assess the representation of Minority Communities in the services of the Government, semi-Government bodies and Govt. undertakings, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Corporation, other local authorities and in case of inadequate representation of minorities, to recommend remedial measures;
- g) Make recommendations for ensuring, maintaining and promoting communal harmony in NCT of Delhi;
- h) Look into specific complaints regarding the deprivation of the rights and safeguards of the Minority Communities and to take up such matters with the appropriate authorities for necessary actions;
- i) Serve as a Clearing House for information in respect of the Minority Communities in NCT of Delhi;
- j) Deal with any other matter pertaining to the welfare of the Minority Communities which may be referred to it by the Government (Clause 10(1)).

**Annual Report:** The Commission shall prepare every year an Annual Report giving a true and full account of activities during the year, along with its recommendations, and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Government. The Government shall without delay cause the same to be laid before the House of the Legislative Assembly of Delhi along with a report setting out the action-taken or proposed to be taken, on the recommendations and reasons for non-acceptance, if any, of such recommendations (Clause 10(2)).

**Special Report:** The Commission may submit to the Government a Special Report on any matter of public importance pertaining to interests of the Minority Communities (Clause 10(3)).

**Right to be heard:** In case of non-acceptance of any recommendation, the Commission shall have the right to be heard by the Minister-in-Charge (Clause 10(4)).

**Quasi-judicial Powers:** The Commission shall have, in carrying out its functions, the powers of a civil court trying a suit and in particular, in respect of the following matters namely:

- a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;
- b) Requiring the discovery and production of any document;
- c) Receiving evidence on affidavits and
- d) Requisitioning any public or instrumental record or copy thereof, from any office or institution of the Government (Clause 10(5)).

**Power to utilize services of agencies:** The Commission may, for the purposes of conducting any examination under this Act, utilize the services of any agency of the government with the prior approval of the government (Clause 10(6)).

**Protection for statement made to the Commission:** No statement made by a person to the Commission in the course of giving evidence shall be used against him in any court proceeding except for perjury (Clause 10(2)(7)).

**Chairperson, Members and staff of the Commission are “public servants”:** The Chairperson, Members and officers authorized by the Commission to perform functions under this Act, shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45) of 1860 (Clause 13).

**Protection of action taken in good faith:** No civil, criminal or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Chairperson, Members or officers performing functions under this Act, or under authority of the Commission, in respect of anything which is done in good faith or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act by or under the authority of the Commission (Clause 14).

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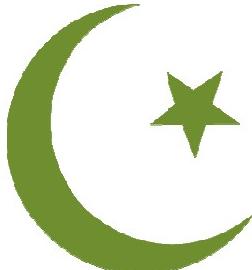
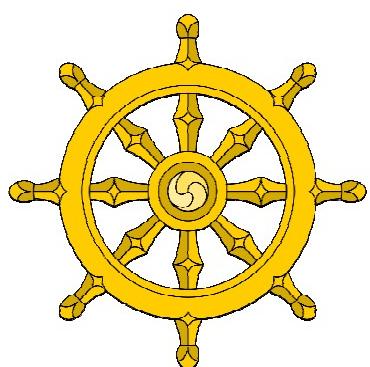
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## DESIGNATED MINORITY COMMUNITIES

Minority communities in the National Capital Territory of Delhi are the following communities which were notified as such by the Central Government as per the provisions of National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992: 1. Muslims, 2. Sikhs, 3. Christians, 4. Buddhists, 5. Zoroastrians (Parsis) and 6. Jains (since 20 January 2014).

 Islam (Muslims)	 Sikhism (Sikhs)
 Christianity (Christians)	 Jainism (Jains)
 Buddhism (Buddhists)	 Zoroastrianism (Parsis)

## DELHI RELIGIOUS CENSUS 2011

Type	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Others	Not stated
Total	81.68%	12.86%	0.87%	3.40%	0.11%	0.99%	0.01%	0.08%
Urban	81.42%	13.01%	0.89%	3.46%	0.11%	1.01%	0.01%	0.08%
Rural	91.64%	6.95%	0.27%	0.97%	0.04%	0.05%	0.01%	0.07%

## DELHI DISTRICTS – RELIGIOUS DATA 2011

District	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Others	Not stated
North West	87.82%	7.97%	0.39%	2.52%	0.06%	1.19%	0.01%	0.05%
South Delhi	78.91%	16.32%	1.53%	2.54%	0.14%	0.40%	0.02%	0.12%
West Delhi	82.07%	5.89%	0.72%	10.69%	0.08%	0.45%	0.01%	0.10%
South West	91.70%	4.91%	1.36%	1.38%	0.12%	0.40%	0.01%	0.10%
North East	68.22%	29.34%	0.41%	0.78%	0.11%	1.10%	0.00%	0.05%
East Delhi	82.54%	10.46%	0.92%	3.10%	0.15%	2.75%	0.02%	0.05%
North Delhi	81.81%	13.49%	0.82%	2.15%	0.21%	1.47%	0.01%	0.05%
Central Delhi	62.53%	33.36%	0.61%	2.24%	0.06%	1.01%	0.02%	0.17%
New Delhi	87.66%	5.97%	3.42%	2.07%	0.22%	0.48%	0.05%	0.14%

Source: Census Data 2011

## PRIME MINISTER'S NEW 15-POINT PROGRAMMEFOR THE WELFARE OF MINORITIES

### **(A) ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION**

#### **(1) Equitable availability of ICDS Services**

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is aimed at holistic development of children and pregnant/lactating mothers from disadvantaged sections, by providing services through Anganwadi Centres such as supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-up, referral services, pre-school and non-formal education. A certain percentage of the ICDS projects and Anganwadi Centres will be located in blocks/villages with a substantial population of minority communities to ensure that the benefits of this scheme are equitably available to such communities also.

#### **(2) Improving access to School Education**

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme, and other similar Government schemes, it will be ensured that a certain percentage of all such schools are located in villages/localities having a substantial population of minority communities.

#### **(3) Greater resources for teaching Urdu**

Central assistance will be provided for recruitment and posting of Urdu language teachers in primary and upper primary schools that serve a population in which at least one-fourth belong to that language group.

#### **(4) Modernizing Madarsa Education**

The Central Plan Scheme of Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernization Programme provides basic educational infrastructure in areas of concentration of educationally backward minorities and resources for the modernization of Madarsa education. Keeping in view the importance of addressing this need, this programme will be substantially strengthened and implemented effectively.

#### **(5) Scholarships for meritorious students from minority communities**

Schemes for pre-matric and post- matric scholarships for students from minority communities will be formulated and implemented.

#### **(6) Improving educational infrastructure through the Maulana Azad Education Foundation**

The Government shall provide all possible assistance to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) to strengthen and enable it to expand its activities more effectively.

## **(B) EQUITABLE SHARE IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND EMPLOYMENT**

### **(7) Self-Employment and Wage Employment for the poor**

**(a) The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)**, the primary self-employment programme for rural areas, has the objective of bringing assisted poor rural families above the poverty line by providing them income generating assets through a mix of bank credit and Governmental subsidy. A certain percentage of the physical and financial targets under the SGSY will be earmarked for beneficiaries belonging to the minority communities living below the poverty line in rural areas.

**(b) The Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)** consists of two major components namely, the Urban Self-Employment Programme (USEP) and the Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP). A certain percentage of the physical and financial targets under USEP and UWEP will be earmarked to benefit people below the poverty line from the minority communities.

**(c) The Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)** is aimed at providing additional wage employment in rural areas alongside the creation of durable community, social and economic infrastructure. Since the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP) has been launched in 200 districts, and SGRY has been merged with NREGP in these districts, in the remaining districts, a certain percentage of the allocation under SGRY will be earmarked for beneficiaries belonging to the minority communities living below the poverty line till these districts are taken up under NREGP. Simultaneously, a certain percentage of the allocation will be earmarked for the creation of infrastructure in such villages, which have a substantial population of minorities.

### **(8) Upgradation of skills through technical training**

A very large proportion of the population of minority communities is engaged in low-level technical work or earns its living as handicraftsmen. Provision of technical training to such people would upgrade their skills and earning capability. Therefore, a certain proportion of all new ITIs will be located in areas predominantly inhabited by minority communities and a proportion of existing ITIs to be upgraded to 'Centres of Excellence' will be selected on the same basis.

### **(9) Enhanced credit support for economic activities**

- (a) The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) was set up in 1994 with the objective of promoting economic development activities among the minority communities. The Government is committed to strengthen the NMDFC by providing it greater equity support to enable it to fully achieve its objectives.
- (b) Bank credit is essential for creation and sustenance of self-employment initiatives. A target of 40% of net bank credit for priority sector lending has been fixed for domestic banks. The priority sector includes, *inter alia*, agricultural loans, loans to small-scale industries & small business, loans to retail trade, professional and self-employed persons, education

loans, housing loans and micro-credit. It will be ensured that an appropriate percentage of the priority sector lending in all categories is targeted for the minority communities.

#### **(10) Recruitment to State and Central Services**

- (a) In the recruitment of police personnel, state governments will be advised to give special consideration to minorities. For this purpose, the composition of selection committees should be representative.
- (b) The Central Government will take similar action in the recruitment of personnel to the Central police forces.
- (c) Large scale employment opportunities are provided by the Railways, nationalized banks and public sector enterprises. In these cases also, the concerned departments will ensure that special consideration is given to recruitment from minority communities.
- (d) An exclusive scheme will be launched for candidates belonging to minority communities to provide coaching in government institutions as well as private coaching institutes with credibility.

### **(C) IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIVING OF MINORITIES**

#### **(11) Equitable share in rural housing scheme**

The Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) provides financial assistance for shelter to the rural poor living below the poverty line. A certain percentage of the physical and financial targets under IAY will be earmarked for poor beneficiaries from minority communities living in rural areas.

#### **(12) Improvement in condition of slums inhabited by minority communities**

Under the schemes of Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) and Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), the Central Government provides assistance to States/UTs for development of urban slums through provision of physical amenities and basic services. It would be ensured that the benefits of these programmes flow equitably to members of the minority communities and to cities/slums, predominantly inhabited by minority communities.

### **(D) PREVENTION & CONTROL OF COMMUNAL RIOTS**

#### **(13) Prevention of communal incidents**

In the areas, which have been identified as communally sensitive and riot prone, district and police officials of the highest known efficiency, impartiality and secular record must be posted. In such areas and even elsewhere, the prevention of communal tension should be one of the primary duties of the district magistrate and superintendent of police. Their performances in this regard should be an important factor in determining their promotion prospects.

#### **(14) Prosecution for communal offences**

Severe action should be taken against all those who incite communal tension or take part in violence. Special court or courts specifically earmarked to try communal offences should be set up so that offenders are brought to book speedily.

#### **(15) Rehabilitation of victims of communal riots**

Victims of communal riots should be given immediate relief and provided prompt and adequate financial assistance for their rehabilitation.

**1. The Rajiv Gandhi Swavlamban Rozgar Yojna (RGSRY):** Rajiv Gandhi Swavlamban Rozgar Yojna was introduced in the year 2004-05 with financial support of Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Delhi Khadi & Village Industries Board was nominated as the implementing agency for the Scheme. The purpose of this scheme is to provide sustainable self-employment opportunities to the school and college dropouts above the age of 18 years to individual entrepreneurs, trade professionals, artisans etc. Under this scheme financial assistance in the shape of loan up to Rs. 3.00 lakh is provided with 15% subsidy component of the project cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 7,500 per entrepreneur.

The Board is getting funds for the scheme under Plan schemes through Industries Deptt., GNCTD.

The desired information in respect of RGSRY for the year 2018-19 is as under:

No. of applications received	52
No. of applications sanctioned	39
No. of applications disbursed	29
No. of applications disbursed of Minorities	02
Total amount disbursed	47.657 lakh
Total amount disbursed to Minority applicants	3.525 lakh

**2. Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme:** This Scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Medium Small & Marginal Enterprises (MSME), Govt. of India with a view to generate employment opportunities in the country. The Khadi & Village Industries Commission has been appointed as Nodal Agency for implementation of scheme in the country as a whole and State KVIB's have been nominated as State implementing agency along with KVIC and DIC's. In Delhi, Khadi & Village Industries Board is nominated as nodal agency to implement the scheme in the rural as well as in urban areas along with State Office, KVIC.

However, from July 2016 onwards the entire operations of PMEGP from submission of application to forwarding of application to Banks have been made online by KVIC, Govt. of India on PMEGP e-Portal. Hence, details of PMEGP may be obtained from State Office, Khadi & Village Industries Commission, K Block, Choudhary building, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

## REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES OF MINORITIES

Clause 10(h) of DMC Act 1999 & Rules 2000 provide as follows: “Look into specific complaints regarding the deprivation of rights and safe-guards of the minority communities and to take up such matters with the appropriate authorities for necessary action”.

The Commission receives/registers petitions/complaints by following means:

- a) By post;
- b) In person;
- c) Via email;
- d) *Suo-motu* cognizance by the Commission through newspaper reports/write-ups or reliable information received from some source;
- e) Complaints referred/forwarded by other Commissions, Govt. Departments and NGOs.

All complaints must accompany an application addressed to the Commission with proof(s) and full address and phone number(s) of the complainant. The application should affirm that the case is not under the consideration of any court of law, tribunal or statutory commission.

### **JURISDICTION**

1. The Commission's jurisdiction is limited to the NCT of Delhi, any person residing in Delhi can approach the Commission with a complaint/petition. As per Section 10 of DMC Act 1999, the Commission's jurisdiction is vast as it is competent “to examine the working of various safeguards provided in the Constitution of India or laws enacted by Parliament and the laws passed by the Legislative Assembly of Delhi for the protection of the Minority Communities, and to make recommendations to ensure their effective implementation.”
2. Any complaint which does not include name, signature and address of the complainant/petitioner will generally not be entertained. Copies of complaints addressed to other authorities too will not be entertained. However, if it pertains to a larger issue concerning the Community as a whole, the Commission can take cognizance and take appropriate action on such petitions/complaints.
3. Matters which are *sub-judice* before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Court or any other court of law, tribunal or by any other statutory body shall not be entertained and enquired into.
4. Complaints of private property or financial disputes and unauthorized construction etc. shall not be entertained and the petitioner/complainant will be advised to seek redressal from the Department concerned or from courts of law.
5. If a complaint/petition pertains to a criminal matter or is of civil nature between two parties, it will not be entertained.
6. Complaints pertaining to administrative matters like probation, transfer etc. will not be entertained unless they make out a case of bias or discrimination on the basis of the complainant's belonging to a designated minority community.
7. Copies of complaints originally made to some other commission or authority are usually not entertained.

## **POWERS OF THE COMMISSION**

Commission may use the quasi-judicial powers contained in Section 10 (5) of DMC Act namely,

- a. Summoning and enforcing attendance of any person and examining him/her on oath etc.;
- b. Requiring the discovery and production of a document or document(s);
- c. Receiving evidence on affidavits; and
- d. Requisitioning any public or institutional record, or copy thereof, from any office or institution of the Government.

## MONITORING OF WELFARE SCHEMES

### MSDP IN THE MINORITY-DOMINATED DISTRICT (NORTH-EAST DELHI)

Delhi Minorities Commission is mandated to monitor the implementation of policies and schemes of the Government for the welfare of minority communities in NCT of Delhi. MSDP is one such scheme which is a centrally-sponsored scheme for the uplift of Muslim minority-concentration districts across the country. The designated Delhi district for this scheme in NCT of Delhi is the North East District. The programme aims at improving socio-economic conditions of the minority and providing basic amenities to it for improving quality of life of the people. The projects taken up under MSDP are related to provision of better infrastructure for education, skill development, health, sanitation, roads etc. besides schemes for creating income-generating opportunities.

The SDPM scheme started in 90 designated districts across the country in 2008-09 and ended on 31 March, 2018. It has now been replaced by “Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram” (*see below*).

The District and State Level Committees for the implementation of MSDP in the North East District of Delhi were reconstituted and notified on 8 July, 2016. The State Level Committee is chaired by the Chief Secretary, Delhi Government, while the District Level Committee is chaired by the District Magistrate North-East, Revenue District, GNCT of Delhi. After the constitution of both the Committees, a meeting of the District Level Committee was held on 5 September, 2016 under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate (North-East) where the following agenda points were discussed and action recommended:

- (a) Sponsoring two batches of students of the minority community under MSDP for study in world-class skill centre running under the Department of Training & Technical Education, GNCTD in collaboration with Govt. of Singapore at ITI, Vivek Vihar, Delhi at the estimated cost of Rs. 33.60 lakh.
- (b) Sponsoring of minority students in Continue Education (CE) programme run by the National Institute of Fashion Technology at the estimated cost of Rs. 120 lakh.
- (c) Providing electronic tablets to 1000 minority girls in place of bicycles, at the estimated cost of Rs. 50 lakh.

The District Magistrate North-East has failed to inform DMC about the progress and fate of these programmes.

### DISPENSARY AT BULAND MASJID IN SHASTRI PARK, DELHI

DMC has been monitoring the progress of the building of the dispensary near Buland Masjid in Shastri Park area of East Delhi, being built with MSDP funds. The project was approved in 2012 but could be started on the ground only in 2016. It was supposed to be ready in early 2017. DMC held a follow-up meeting with the representatives of all the concerned departments in the

DMC conference hall on 26 September, 2017. During this meeting, officers assured the Commission that the Dispensary will be ready by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017. Perturbed by the delay, DMC Chairman Dr Khan and Member Mr Kochhar visited the site on 29 January, 2018 when it was found that though the structure of the multi-storey building is complete, finishing work is pending due to the non-payment of dues to the contractor. Immediately after the inspection, Chairman DMC wrote to the District Magistrate, North-East, GNCTD: "Today I joined the joint inspection of the above-mentioned project being implemented under MSDP through you. We found that most of the construction work is complete-90 percent according to the site staff but it transpired that the contractor has not been paid even for the work he has already completed, that his arrears of around rupees two crores are yet to be paid. As a result he has stopped the work. Moreover, according to the site staff, they had to do some additional work to firm up the soft land on which the building has been constructed and also have built a boundary which was not part of the original plan. Needless to say, this project is suffering from unnecessary delay and is behind schedule by at least one year. Even last September, during a joint meeting of all concerned departments at DMC, PWD people had promised to complete the building within three months, if funds are paid promptly. We are sorry to note that the project is still where it was last September. You are hereby directed to expedite the release of due payments to the concerned department so that the work is completed at the earliest and the area's people start benefiting from the promised health services through this dispensary. Please send follow up reports on this project" (29-1-2018).

DMC pursued the matter with the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs which replied on 25-5-2018 that the second instalment has been paid to the Delhi North-East District Magistrate on 28-12-2017. As the funds were still not actually released, Chairman DMC wrote to the district magistrate of North-East district on 4-6-2018 to inform the Commission if the work has been re-started. As the funds were still not paid by the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs, Chairman DMC wrote to Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs: "A dispensary is being built using MSDP funds at Buland Masjid, Shastri Park, Delhi, since 2016. The work has totally stopped for the last around two years due to non-payment of the second instalment by your Ministry. The second instalment was finally paid to the nodal officer, District Magistrate, North-East Distt. Delhi, towards the end of the previous financial year (2017-18). Therefore, the DM asked your ministry for *revalidation of expenditure sanction* in the new financial year 2018-19. Apparently this simple revalidation has not been conveyed until now to the DM North-East Delhi while we approach the end of the current financial year too. Kindly see to it that this simple procedure is completed at the earliest so that the stalled project is re-started and the people of the area may benefit from this project which started in 2012 but entered the execution stage in 2016. Since early 2017, the work is totally stalled and the contractor is threatening to sue the concerned authority for non-payment of his dues." (30 November, 2018)

After this intervention the second instalment of Rs 187.4335 lakh was paid to the District Magistrate North-East who despite reminders has failed to keep the Commission informed about the progress and fate of the project.

Chairman DMC wrote to the District Magistrate (North-East) on 2 January, 2019: "The construction of the Buland Masjid Dispensary in Shastri Park, being built under MSDP, has been stalled for almost two years now. The second instalment, as per your letter F.(383)/DC/NE/SDM (HQ)/Admn/MSDP/2016/2748 dated 10-8-18, was received during Feb.-March 2018 but still was not used and Ministry of Minority Affairs was asked for

“revalidation of sanction” which is beyond our comprehension and smacks of utter bureaucratic mindset. I hope this will be avoided in future and a proactive and pro-people attitude will be exhibited by your office. In any case, we intervened with Hon’ble Minister of Minority Affairs and have now received his letter and a confirmation from his Ministry that revalidation has been done. If there still is any confusion, please contact Mr Ravi Sunder, Dy. Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs. I understand that additional funds are required to complete this project. For this, you should get the estimate from the contractor and send the same at the earliest to the Ministry of Minority Affairs for sanction and release in time. Please send a report to us about the current situation of the project and when you think it will be complete and put to use for the public in the area.” It is clear that the District Magistrate North East District is not paying due attention to this matter.

## **PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKARAM**

MSDP has now been converted into “Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram” (PMVJK) which is an improved version of the previous plan and covers more minority concentration areas (MCAs). Under PMJVJK, the following areas of NCT of Delhi will be covered: seven units including two minority-concentrated districts *viz.*, Central and North-East districts [earlier only North East District was included in MSDP], five minority-concentration towns (MCTs) namely, (i) DMC (U) (part), (ii) Mustafabad, (iii) Khajoori Khas, (iv) Ziauddinpur, and (v) Jafarabad. PMVJK has a short lease of life and will end with the 14th Finance Commission on 31 March, 2020. The scheme has offered nothing to Delhi except revalidation of funds for old schemes in 2018-19 (<http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/pradhan-mantri-jan-vikas-karyakram-pmjvk>) while it has sanctioned nothing for Delhi in the year 2019-20.

## EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Government of NCT of Delhi gives scholarships to SC/ST, OBC and minorities through the Welfare Department. It has been the focus of DMC awareness camps to popularise this scheme to the masses so that more and more parents apply for these scholarships for their wards. Leaflets with full details are distributed (*see photo of the first page of such leaflets below*) during these camps and also available to the visitors of the DMC. News is also published in the media to alert parents when the Department of Welfare opens this scheme for a few months towards the end of each year. This educational help in the shape of tuition fee reimbursement, stationery held and scholarship is for the economically weaker sections with an annual income limit which has been recently raised to Rs 3 lakh per year per family. Full details are available on the e-portal of Delhi Government.

For the benefit of minority communities, a brochure was printed and distributed by DMC free of cost. It contained details of all Central and state schemes of scholarships, fees reimbursement and merit scholarships. Last year a book, *Delhi Minorities Commission – Vision, Mandate & Schemes for Minorities – 2017-18* (78 pages) was published and distributed free of cost to advisory committees members and to members of minority communities especially during awareness camps across NCT of Delhi. In addition to offering an overview of the Commission's role and mandate, the booklet included details about scholarships and loan schemes of the Central and state governments for minorities (*See under Publications*).

Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar, Member, DMC, compiled a book, *Welfare Schemes for Minorities* (96 A4 pages) at his own initiative and cost and distributed it among DMC advisory committees members and at awareness camps, and to visitors of DMC. Later with Shri Kochhar's efforts a number of leaflets in Hindi were prepared and printed for distribution to visitors of the Commission and at our awareness camps in various parts of NCT of Delhi. These include information on scholarship schemes, loans, pensions etc.

Applications for all government schemes are made online on the e-portal of Govt. of NCT of Delhi during the prescribed duration for the applications. During both 2017 and 2018, the last dates of filing applications for the school tuition fee reimbursement scheme were extended to allow more participation but it is a matter of anguish for the Commission that not many people are coming forward to fill applications. But the number of successful applicants has come down which is a matter of concern for us. Perhaps the online application system is daunting for family heads who are most illiterate or semi-literate. The Commission has been encouraging its empanelled NGOs and schools to hold camps to fill scholarships. It is our respectful submission that the application forms online. We hope that the situation will improve during 2019-20. We advise the Department of Education to make it compulsory for private schools to fill application forms of their SC/ST, minorities and OBC students online.

Applicants find it difficult to procure income certificates from the area SDMs and have asked DMC to get this condition removed so that self-declared statements are accepted as in some other schemes. Chairman DMC wrote to the Hon'ble Union Minister for Minority Affairs saying: "We have received a number of complaints that Central and state scholarship schemes for minority students have been made difficult by the requirement to produce income certificates from SDMs. Perhaps this is the reason why alarmingly low numbers are applying now for these earlier method of self-declaration of income should be re-adopted to make life

easier for our students who are finding it difficult to procure documents and upload them in time. This relaxation for both state and central government scholarships will go a long way to mitigate the hardships faced by our students. I hope this suggestion will be studied with care and sympathy.” No decision has been made yet on this request though the Delhi state government has relaxed the income limit for minority students, making it at par with SC/ST applicants.

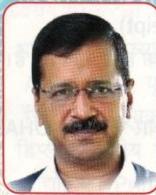
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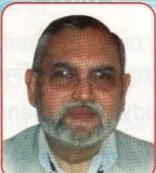
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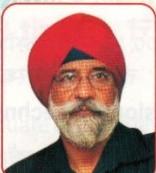
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1. ट्यूशन फीस वापसी के लिये वित्तीय सहायता (Reimbursement of Tuition Fee)
2. लेखन-सामग्री के लिए वित्तीय सहायता (Financial Assistance for purchase of Stationary)
3. छात्रवृत्ति सहायता (Scholarship Scheme)
4. मेरिट छात्रवृत्ति सहायता (Merit Scholarship Scheme)
5. डॉ. बी.आर. अम्बेडकर राज्य अवार्ड (Dr. B.R. Ambedkar State Awards To Toppers)

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## **STUDY ON SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONDITIONS OF MUSLIM WOMEN IN THE NORTH-EAST DISTRICT**

This project has been holding fire since long. Finally, after various tender formalities, the project has been awarded. If everything goes well, this study on the social and educational conditions of Muslim women in Delhi's North East district should be out before the end of the tenure of the current Commission. Once the study is completed and accepted by the Commission, appropriate recommendations will be sent to the Government of NCT of Delhi.

## **STUDY ON THE 1984 ANTI-SIKH RIOTS VICTIMS**

A tender was floated to award this project the socio-economic and educational conditions of the survivors and relatives of the victims and how far their grievances have been met by the authorities. After due formalities of tendering, the project has been awarded and should, hopefully, be published before the end of the tenure of the current Commission. Once the study is completed and accepted by the Commission, appropriate recommendations will be sent to the Government of NCT of Delhi.

## **STUDIES BY NGOS AND REPUTED RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS**

The Commission has decided to consider proposals of research, publication of books and holding of conferences and seminars. Empanelled NGOs were informed about this months ago but so far no applications have been received. Subjects of study or conference should relate to minorities in NCT of Delhi and should be within the mandate of DMC.

## FINANCIAL INCLUSION OF MINORITIES

**Status report regarding loan applications received from minority communities (Delhi SC/ST/OBC/Minorities & Handicapped Finance& Development Corporation Ltd., A Govt. of NCT of Delhi Undertaking)**

The Delhi SC/ST/OBC/Minorities & Handicapped Finance& Development Corporation Ltd. (DSSOM&HF&DCL -- a Govt. of NCT of Delhi Undertaking) runs various loan schemes for members of minority communities. It has its headquarters at Ambedkar Bhawan Institutional Area, Sector-16, Rohini, New Delhi 110089. It runs the following schemes:

- (a) Delhi Swarojgar Yojna Scheme for projects upto 5 lakh
- (b) Composite loan scheme for projects costing upto 11 lakh
- (c) Big loan scheme for self-employment for projects costing upto 5 lakh
- (d) Transport loan scheme for self-employment upto 5 lakh and
- (e) Educational loan scheme for education purposes costing Rs. 10 lakh.

Details of different schemes of DSSOM&HF&DCL for minorities for the year 2018-2019 are as follows:

### Details of cases under Minority Category for the year 2018-19

S.N.	Branches	Applications received	Cases sanctioned	Amounts disbursed in rupees	Cases rejected	Reasons for rejection
1	Education Deptt.	4	3	9,30,400.00	1	Applicant generally could not Complete the formalities.
2	Big Loan	00	00	00	00	Nil
3	Transport Loan	00	00	00	00	Nil
4	East Zone	11-Composite Loan Scheme-(CLS)	9	4,27,500.00	1	Applicant not Interested.
5	Central Zone	02-Delhi Swarozgar Yojna - (DSY) 03- Composite Loan Scheme-(CLS)	5	6,50,000.00 Disbursed in three Cases	00	1. Applicant is residing at J.J. cluster. 2. Pending for want of Guarantor papers

6	West Zone	2	2	95,000.00	00	Nil
Total		25	21	21,029,00	2	

*As intimated to DMC by Shri A.K. Bhatnagar, Manager-(Plg.) vide letter F. No. 55(10)/2013-14/DSFDCC/NMDFC/Pt. File/2448 dt. 19.7.2019*

### DSSOM&HF&DCL's Targets & Achievements for the financial year 2018-19

Schemes for Minorities					
S1. No.	Category	Target	Achievement	Exp. Rs in lakhs	Percentage (%)
I	Composite Loan Scheme	50	15	7.61	30.00
II	DLY/LCV Scheme	10	0	0.00	0.00
III	Big Loan Scheme	5	0	0.00	0.00
IV	Educational Loan Scheme	10	2	9.30	20.00
	Total	75	17	16.91	

*20-18-19 figures culled from DSSOM&HF&DCL figures for all categories till 22.8.19. DSSOM&HF&DCL did not provide figures for Dilli Swarojgar Yojna (was 0 for the year 2017-18), E-Rickshaw (was 0 for the year 2017-18), Vocational Training and Transport Loan Schemes (was 0 for the year 2017-18). Also it did not provide community-wise figures.*

Once again, as in the previous year, it is clear that DSSOM&HF&DCL and Delhi Khadi & Village Industries Board (DK&VIB) have failed to serve in a meaningful way the minority communities in NCT of Delhi. The DMC proposes to call for a series of meetings with the officials of the DSSOM&HF&DCL, DK&VIB and similar organisations to know the hurdles and thrash out their functioning. From what we have seen until now, it may be said safely that the DSSOM&HF&DCL has failed to serve the minority communities in NCT of Delhi. Govt. of NCT of Delhi should appoint a high-power committee to study the purpose, functioning and delivery of these organisations in order to come to a conclusion if they have been able to discharge their duties. If not, a major restructuring should be done or out-of-the-box solutions should be found.

### Minutes of the meeting with the representative of Delhi ST/SC/OBC/ Minorities & Handicapped Financial & Development Corp. at DMC Office

The Commission is disturbed over why SSOMHF&DC is giving only a few loans of meagre amounts to minorities. This past year it gave loans of just over 15 lakh to 16 persons. To discuss the problem and issues related to the dismal record which is recurring year after year, a meeting with the representative of Delhi ST/SC/OBC/Minorities & Handicapped Financial & Development Corporation (SSOMHF&DC) was held at DMC office at 2: 30 pm on 31 July, 2018. The following participated:

Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan, Chairman, DMC  
 Shri Kartar Singh Kochhar, Member, DMC  
 Ms. Anastasia Gill, Member, DMC  
 Shri A.K. Bhatnagar, Manager (F&A), P.I.O., SSOMHF&DC.

Shri Bhatnagar said that there is no annual budget for SSOMHF&DC. Instead it has a corpus of Rs 100 crores whose interest (around Rs 6 crores p.a.) is used to run the organization while the sums for loans are procured from government at a rate of 3 percent and same is loaned to the loanees at 6 percent. All loanees are also given a Rs 10,000 subsidy. It takes about 1.5 months for an application for loan to be decided. There are 25 approved activities for which loan is given. The maximum limit of loans is Rs 5 lakh; for loans upto Rs 50,000 there is no guarantee requirement and no processing fee while income certificate from SDM is required. There is 90 percent recovery of loans.

There should be a quota for various sections in the transport loan which is taken up by influential people.

SSOMHF&DC has tried unsuccessfully to get all loans insured by IDBI which gives such insurance to banks but not to corporations. If this facility is available with the SSOMHF&DC, it will waive the guarantee clause. Delhi govt. also can give this guarantee.

SSOMHF&DC spends Rs 1.5 crores on salaries of its staff totalling 161 persons (Rs 18 crores p.a.) plus P.F. etc.

*The income limit for minorities is Rs 1.20 lakh p.a.* while for SC/ST it is 3 lakh and there is income limit for safai karamcharis and the handicapped. This year's target for minorities is a minimum of 75 loans (SC: 250; OBC 150 loans)

DMC will try to get the income limit for minorities raised to at least 3 lakh p.a. DMC should also utilize its channels especially awareness camps to popularize and familiarize people about SSOMHF&DC schemes. Shri Bhatnagar said SSOMHF&DC will be happy to join DMC awareness camps to introduce people about its schemes. On its own, SSOMHF&DC held 11 camps during 1<sup>st</sup> April-31 June 2018 to popularize its schemes.

Shri Bhatnagar said other organizations which offer loans are: D.C. Office for Pardhan Mantri Yojna and Khadi Udyog.

Shri Bhatnagar promised to send a copy of the Citizens Charter and a breakup of its expenditure and loans to various categories.

DMC will deliberate and write to the Govt. of Delhi after receiving the inputs from Shri Bhatnagar as promised by him. [End of minutes]

## **STATE-LEVEL BANKING COMMITTEE**

As part of the financial inclusion policy of the GoI, RBI issued a circular on 1 July, 2014 which is commonly known as the Circular-Credit Facilities to Minority Communities. On the basis of the said circular, DMC made necessary interactions with the concerned department in NCT of Delhi, *viz.*, State Level Banking Committee (SLBC)which has included DMC as a member of the SLBC. A DMC representative participates in the quarterly meetings of the SLBC trying to achieve the target of 15 per cent of the total fund allocations in both the Priority and Non-Priority sectors to the minority communities as part of the financial inclusion policy. On the intervention of the Commission, SLBC has appointed nodal officers in each bank to attend to minorities. In some loan schemes, minorities get a rebate in the interest rate. The list of nodal officers is available on the website of the Commission. Thanks to the efforts of the DMC, a

substantial increase of the fund allocation to the members of Minority communities has taken place through the Member Banks of the SLBC (*please see below*). All the LDMs and the Banks are requested to initiate action for more financing to Minority Communities to maintain its desired level of a minimum of 15%.

## **DELHI KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD (DKVIB)**

DKVIB is a nodal agency for the disbursement of funds to members of the minority communities under two schemes: (1) The Rajiv Gandhi Swavlamban Rozgar Yojna (RGSRY) and (2) Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) introduced by the Ministry of Medium, Small and Marginal Enterprises (MSME). RGSY was introduced in 2004-05 with financial support from Govt. of NCT of Delhi and DKVIB was nominated as the implementing agency for the scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to provide sustainable self-employment opportunities to the school and college dropouts above the age of 18 years to individual entrepreneurs, trade professionals, artisans etc. Under this scheme, financial assistance in the shape of loan upto Rs 3 lakh is provided with 15% subsidy component of the project cost subject to a ceiling of Rs 7,500 per entrepreneur. The DKVIB fixed a target for the disbursement of financial support under this scheme to the members of the targeted communities. The factual position shows that this organization has miserably failed in the discharge of its duties which is clear from following data supplied by DKVIB for 2018-19:

Total number of minority applications received:	52
Number of applications sanctioned	39
Number of applications disbursed	29
Number of applications disbursed of minorities	02
Total amount disbursed	47.657 lakh
Total amount disbursed to minority applicants	3.525 lakh

(As per reply of DK&VIB to DMC, dated 17-7-19)

The data for 2017-18 was not different – *please see our annual report 2017-18, p. 34*. In other words, during the year under review, DKVIB actually provided only two loans to Delhi minorities which is a slight improvement on last year's figure which was one (*please see DMC annual report 2017-18, p. 34*), while the number was zero in 2016-17 (*please see DMC Annual Report 2016-17, p. 28*).

*As for the PMEGP scheme, from July 2016 onwards, the entire operations of this scheme from submission of applications to forwarding of applications to banks have been made online by its nodal agency, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Govt. of India, on PMEGP e-portal. Hence the role of DKVIB has ended in so far as PMEGP scheme is concerned. Needless to say, like DSSOM&HF&DCL, DKVIB too is not rendering any worthwhile service to the minority community. Its role and utility should be studies on the lines suggested above for DSSOM&HF&DCL.*

**96th State Level Bankers' Committee Meeting for NCT of Delhi for Review  
June 2019 held on 28 August, 2019:**

**Advances to Minority Communities (summarized comparative position)(Rs. in Crore):**

June 2018	March 2018	June 2019	Variation		% Growth	
			Over the Year	Over December 2017	Over the Year	Over the QTR
12302	17850	12312	10	-5538	0.08	-31.03

Advances to minority communities in PS sector has increased by Rs 10cr. On YoY basis but over the QTR, it decreased by 5538 cr. (*Rs. in Crore*)

Priority Sector Advances			Credit to Minority Communities			%age to Priority Sector Advances		
June 2018	March 2018	June 2019	June 2018	March 2019	June 2019	June 2018	March 2018	June 2019
143322	172887	171298	12302	17850	12312	8.58	10.32	7.19



**96<sup>th</sup>SLBC-Delhi Meeting for June, 2019**

**Name of the District: CENTRAL**

Name of Community	No. of accounts		Amount Outstanding	
	Previous Quarter (31.03.19)	Current Quarter (30.06.19)	Previous Quarter (31.03.19)	Current Quarter (30.06.19)
<b>A. Minority Communities</b>				
1. Christians	788	1320	85.36	120.27
2. Muslims	9366	17671	968.69	874.71
3. Buddhists	159	457	9.39	35.03
4. Sikhs	7528	7630	1156.63	949.15
5. Zoroastrians	61	15	4.44	1.34
6. Jains	2230	2457	385.80	286.30
<b>Total (1 to 6)</b>	<b>20132</b>	<b>29550</b>	<b>2610.31</b>	<b>2266.80</b>
<b>B. Others</b>	<b>144346</b>	<b>169487</b>	<b>28415.40</b>	<b>30903.58</b>
<b>C. Total Priority Sector Advances in the Identified Districts (A+B)</b>	<b>164478</b>	<b>199037</b>	<b>31025.71</b>	<b>33170.38</b>
<b>D. Share of A out of C in Percentage (%)</b>	<b>12.24</b>	<b>14.84</b>	<b>8.41</b>	<b>6.83</b>

POSITION OF TOTAL NCT OF DELHI

Name of Community	No. of accounts		Amount Outstanding	
	Previous Quarter (31.03.19)	Current Quarter (30.06.19)	Previous Quarter (31.03.19)	Current Quarter (30.06.19)
<b>A. Minority Communities</b>				
1. Christians	8682	5353	729.24	451.17
2. Muslims	82392	93452	9555.95	7601.48
3. Buddhists	1654	1888	90.1	107.14
4. Sikhs	40118	36799	4521.55	3230.50
5. Zoroastrians	37	59	16.34	18.36
6. Jains	13744	6300	1995.1	776.92
<b>Total (1 to 6)</b>	<b>146627</b>	<b>143851</b>	<b>16908.28</b>	<b>12185.53</b>
<b>B. Others</b>	<b>591783</b>	<b>547894</b>	<b>155978.53</b>	<b>159112.11</b>
<b>C. Total Priority Sector Advances (A+B)</b>	<b>738410</b>	<b>691745</b>	<b>172886.81</b>	<b>171297.64</b>
<b>D. Share of A out of C in Percentage (%)</b>	<b>19.86</b>	<b>20.79</b>	<b>9.78</b>	<b>7.11</b>

Name of the District: NORTH EAST

Name of Community	No. of accounts		Amount Outstanding	
	Previous Quarter (31.03.19)	Current Quarter (30.06.19)	Previous Quarter (31.03.19)	Current Quarter (30.06.19)
<b>A. Minority Communities</b>				
1. Christians	96	28	3.09	2.33
2. Muslims	2019	4742	34.43	43.26
3. Buddhists	1	1	0.03	0
4. Sikhs	202	91	6.94	6.46
5. Zoroastrians	1	1	0	0
6. Jains	138	48	3.25	2.26
<b>Total (1 to 6)</b>	<b>2457</b>	<b>4911</b>	<b>47.74</b>	<b>54.31</b>
<b>B. Others</b>	<b>10780</b>	<b>9709</b>	<b>458.72</b>	<b>562.61</b>
<b>C. Total Priority Sector Advances in the Identified Districts (A+B)</b>	<b>13237</b>	<b>14620</b>	<b>506.46</b>	<b>616.92</b>
<b>D. Share of A out of C in Percentage (%)</b>	<b>18.56</b>	<b>33.59</b>	<b>9.43</b>	<b>8.80</b>

Out of two above identified district, in North East district the percentage of Advances to Minority Community to Priority Sector Advances decreased from 9.43% to 8.80% whereas in Central district it has decreased from 8.41% to 6.83% during the quarter under review. In Delhi State it has decreased from 9.78% to 7.11 %.

(Source: State Level Bankers' Committee, NCT of Delhi-agenda and background notes, 96th meeting, held on 28 August, 2019, pp.74-76)

## REPRESENTATION OF MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES

As per Clause 10(f) of DMC Act 1999 and Rules 2000, the Commission is charged with assessing the representation of minority communities in the services of the Government, semi-Government bodies and Govt. undertakings, Municipal Corporations of Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Council and other local authorities and in case of inadequate representation, it can recommend remedial measures.

The Commission continues to collect information from other departments/autonomous bodies and shall thereafter examine the inputs for possible action.

According to DoPT guidelines:

- (i) The Composition of Selection Committee should be representative. It is mandatory to have one member belonging to SC/ST and one member belonging to a minority community in the selection boards/committees when making recruitment for ten or more vacancies.
- (ii) Where the number of vacancies against which selection is to be made is less than ten, efforts should be made to have an SC/ST officer and a minority community officer included in such committees/boards.
- (iii) Wide publicity should be given to all appointments in government, public sector enterprises and public sector banks and financial institutions. Advertisements should be issued in the language(s) spoken by a large number of people of the State/UTs in addition to English and Hindi. Further, for ground C&D level posts, having only basic qualifying requirements, information about vacancies for recruitment should also be disseminated through schools and colleges in that area, in addition to normal channels.
- (iv) Where there is a concentration of minority community population, the vacancy circular in the local language should be distributed in those areas by suitable arrangements.

In this connection, the Commission keeps in touch with all departments. Information received from some departments/local bodies and PSUs is tabulated below. This year DMC asked a larger number of Government and public section organisations to send in data of minority representation in their departments. As a result, this annual report publishes large such data to date of minority representation in Government and public sector units. The results are same as before and as demonstrated by the Sachar Report of 2007: minority representation in government and PSU jobs is much less than their representation in the population (*please see ratio of minorities in Delhi population on page 18*) despite all the baseless talk about “appeasement of minorities”.

## Assessment of Representation of Minority Communities in Govt. of NCT of Delhi/PSUs Services

Sl. No	Name of Department	Posts Sanctioned (Total)	No. of Employees Present	No. of Muslims	% of Muslims	No. of Christians	% of Christians	No. of Sikhs	% of Sikhs	No. of Jains	% of Jains	No. of Buddhists	% of Buddhists	No. of Parsis	% of Parsis	Minorities Total	% Minorities		
1	Administrative Reform Department			Despite reminder, no reply received															
2	Department of Delhi Archives (GNCTD)	47	17 (Regular basis)									0					0%		
3	Department of Art, Culture & Language Literary Arts Council	45	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%		
	Archives Department	47	17 (Regular Basis)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%		
	Sindhi Academy	29	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%		
	Sanskrit Academy	45	16	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2%		
	Dr.Goswami Girdhari Lal Shastri Prachya Vidhya Pratisthan	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%		
	Hindi Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%		
	Punjabi Academy	90	51	0	0	0	0	11	12: 22	1	1: 11	0	0	0	0	0	0%		
	Maithili Bhojpuri Academy	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%		
	Archaeological department	44	25	2	8	0	0	1	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	16%		
4	Directorate of Audit	268	178	2	1.12	4	2.24	0	2.24	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	5.61%		
5	Development Department	Development H.Q. 59	47	1	2.12	0	0	1	2.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.25%		
		Joint Director Agriculture Unit 243	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.88	0	0	0	0	1	0.88%		

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	Animal Husbandry Unit																
	VO 58	50	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6%
	Veterinary Livestock Inspector (VLI) Group – C AH Unit 108	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
	AH Unit Staff (Admin.) 34	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
	Fisheries Unit 'D' Group 14	5	1	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	20%
	AH Unit 'D' Group 204	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0%
	Rural Development 19	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Directorate of Economics & Statistics	162	86	1	1.16	-	-	1	1.16	1	1.16	-	-	-	-	3	3.48%
7	Directorate of Education	77124	48044	1361	2.83	249	0.52	800	1.67	454	0.94	9	0.02	0	0	2873	5.98%
8	Directorate of Employment (HQ)	370	77													4	5.19%
9	Department of Environment (GNCTD)	32	21	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	0%
10	Finance (Accounts) Deptt (GNCTD)	973	679	4	0.58	11	1.62	9	1.32	9	1.32	0	0	0	0	33	4.86%

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11	Department of Food & Supplies Consumer Affairs	1165	406	10	2.46	3	0.73	9	2.21	1	0.24	0	0	0	0	23	5.66%
12	Department of Forest & Wildlife																Despite reminder, no reply received
13	Department of General Administration																Despite reminder, no reply received
14	Directorate of Gurdwara Election (GNCTD)	16	11+2 (Class-IV outsourced)	-	-	-	-	2	12.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	12.50%
15	Department of Health & Family Welfare																Despite reminder, no reply received
16	Home Department																Despite reminder, no reply received
17	Department of Industries	357	155	3	1.93	0	0	1	0.64	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.58%
18	Directorate of Press & Information																
	I. "Cat. A"																[Dealt by Central Establishment Department]
	II. Asstt. Director "Cat. B"	02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	III. Publicity Assistant "Cat. B"	01	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	IV. Cameraman "Cat.B"	01	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	V. "Cat. C"																[Dealt by Central Establishment Department]
	VI. "Cat. D"																[Dealt by Central Establishment Department]
19	Information Technology Department	26	18	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	0%
20	Department of Irrigation & Flood Control	581	344	13	3.77	2	0.58	8	2.32	4	1.16	0	0	0	0	27	7.84%

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21	Department of Law, Justice & Legislative Affairs	68	44	0	0	1	2.27	1	2.27	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.54%
22	N.C.C. Department (GNCTD)	158	88	2	2.27	0	0	1	1.14	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.41%
23	Planning Department																
24	Department of Power																
25	Directorate of Prohibition																
26	PWD Department																
27	Department of Registrar Cooperative Societies																
28	Revenue Department District West	158	68	2	2.94			1	1.47							3	4.41%
29	Services Department (GNCTD)																
	Grade-I (DASS)/Section Officers	1636	1470														?
	Grade-II (DASS)/ Assistant Section Officer	2365	1649														?
	Grade-III (DASS)/ Senior Assistant	4201	1978														?
	PPS	19	15														?
	PS	208	191														?
	PA	479	439														?
	Stenographer	576	171														?
	Grade-IV (DASS)/ JA	4245	2617														?
	Total	13729	8530														?

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Services Dept. is the Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of DASS & Stenographer Cadres However, the details regarding their community is not being maintained by Services Dept.																	
30	Department of Social Welfare																
31	Department of Tourism (GNCTD)	21	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Directorate of Training (UTCS)	64	44	3	6.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6.81%
33	Department of Transport	1237	416	3	0.72	1	0.42	5	1.2	3	0.72	0	0	0	0	12	2.88%
34	Department of Urban Development	Cadre* Post 159	107	1	0.93	1	0.93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.86%
		Ex-Cadre Post 43	29	0	-	1	3.44	3	10.34	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	13.79%
35	Directorate of Vigilance	48	34 (On roll)	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
36	Department of Women and Child Development																
37	Department of Welfare of SC/ST/OBC	Welfare of SC/ST/OBC 85	72	1	1.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.39%
		Commission for OBC 13	11	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
38	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	418	381	5	1.3	2	.5	10	2.6	2	.5	0	NA	0	NA	19	4.98%
39	Department Excise, Entertainment & Luxury Tax	323	149	2	1.34	1	.67	3	2.01	1	.67	-	-	-	-	7	4.70%
40	Department of Food Safety																
41	Labour Department	544	179	2	1.12	-	-	3	1.675	1	0.558	-	-	-	-	6	3.35%

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42	Principal Accounts Office (PAOs)	845	517	6	1.16	2	0.38	9	1.74	3	0.58	0	0	0	0	20	3.87%
43	Department of Trade & Taxes																Despite reminder, no reply received
44	Department of Training & Technical Education																Despite reminder, no reply received
45	Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corp. Ltd.	966	597	6	1.00	5	1.00	9	1.50	9	1.50	1	0.16	0	0	32	5.36%
46	Public Grievances Commission (GNCTD)	28	26	-	-	-	-	1	3.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3.84%
47	Directorate General of Home Guards	183	105	1	0.95	2	1.9	1	0.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3.81%
48	Delhi Fire Service	3623	2066	11	0.53	5	0.24	10	0.48	3	0.14	0	0	0	0	29	1.40%
49	Delhi Police	91964	80880	1489	1.84	581	.72	840	1	10	0.01	25	0.03	34	0.04	2979	3.68%
50	Delhi Metro Rail Corp.	14323	14323	420	2.93	43	0.30	43	0.30	30	0.21	5	0.03	0	0	541	3.78%
51	North Delhi Municipal Corporation	1321	621	8	1.28	33	5.31	8	1.28	1	0.16	0	0	0	0	50	8.05%
52	Delhi Development Authority																Despite reminder, no reply received
53	NDMC Directorate of Inquiries																Despite reminder, no reply received
54	South Delhi Municipal Corporation																Despite reminder, no reply received
55	East Delhi Municipal Corporation																Despite reminder, no reply received
56	Delhi Minorities Commission	15	12	2	13.34	1	6.67	1	6.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	26.7%

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57	Directorate of Agricultural Marketing	54	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
58	Directorate of AYUSH (GNCTD)																
	Group 'A'	74	51	12	23.53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	23.53%
	Group 'B'	5	3	1	33.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	33.33%
	Group 'C'	100	42	9	21.43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	21.43%
59	Drug Control Department (GNCTD)	120	61	1	1.64	-	-	1	1.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3.28%
60	Office of the Director General of Prosecution	409	321	23	7.16	0	0	5	1.55	1	0.31	0	0	0	0	29	9.03%
61	Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission	65	52	2	3.85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.85%
62	Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital	209	116	05	4.31	12	10.34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	14.66%
63	Dr. N.C.Joshi Memorial Hospital, Kaul Bagh, Delhi-5	209	151	1	.66%	8	5.28%	2	1.32 %	2	1.4 %	1	.66%	0	0	14	9.24%
63	Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights	N/A (All Staff are Contractual)	1 Chairmen , 6 Members, 25 (Contractual) 4 (Regular)	2	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5.5%
64	Delhi Commission for Safai Karamcharis	19	12	-	-	1	8.33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8.33%
65	Delhi Commission for Women	Despite reminder, no reply received															

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66	Delhi Dialogue Commission																
67	Delhi Jal Board	24429	18168	340	1.87	31	0.17	180	0.99	39	0.21	0	0	0	0	590	3.25%
68	Delhi Labour Welfare Board																
69	Delhi Nursing Council	01-Registrar 01-LDC 01-Peon	14 Regular+Contract	02	14.2	01	7.1	01	7.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	04	28.57%
70	Delhi Pharmacy Council																
71	Delhi Subordinate Service Selection Board	141	100	3	3	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	5%
72	Delhi State Haj Committee	0	16	16	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	100%
73	Delhi Waqf Board	64	38+35=73	70	98.89	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70	95.89%
74	Human Rights Committee for Arrestees																NIL
75	College of Art	135	56	1	1.79	0	0	1	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	02	3.57%
76	Ambedkar University Teaching Staff	273 (including other Academic staff)	174 (including contract employee )	9	5.17	12	6.8	3	1.7	3	1.7	-	-	-	-	27	15.17%
	Non-Teaching Staff	264	66*	6	9.09	3	4.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	13.63%
77	Delhi Technology University																
78	Govind Ballabh Pant Engineering College	132	60	1	1.67	2	3.33	1	1.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6.67%

\* Remaining posts are being filled through contract basis/outsourced basis till vacant post are filled on regular basis.

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79	Delhi Instt. of Hotel Management & Catering Technology (GNCTD)	39	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
80	Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences & Research University	44	25	1	4	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	12%
81	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University																
82	National Law University																
83	Netaji Subhash University of Tech	608	313	4	1.27	3	0.9	6	1.91	4	1.27	0	0	0	0	17	5.43%
84	State Council of Educational Research & Training																
85	Urdu Academy, Delhi (GNCTD)	55	33	23	69.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	69.70%
86	Jamia Millia Islamia	896	703	498	70.84	8	1.14	10	1.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	516	73.40%
		Note: The above data is in respect to the teaching employees only of Jamia Millia Islamia. No religion wise data is available for the non-teaching employees of the Jamia.															
87	University of Delhi																
88	Jawahar Lal Nehru University																
89	Indira Gandhi National Open University	Academics	Total Minorities = 5 Posts	28	-	14	-	5	-	2	-	-	-	-	49	More than 4.5%	
		Total OBC-121 121x4.5%															
		Non-Academics	1341	30	2.24	65	4.85	19	1.42	0	0	1	0.07	0	0	115	8.58%
		2499															
		There are five posts only as per 4.5% of OBC (27%) but in IGNOU 49 posts are filled by Minorities.															

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90	Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology																
91	Indian Agricultural Research Institute																
	Skilled Staff	1012	704	24	3.41	1	0.14	0		0		0		0		25	3.55%
	Technical	623	415	9	2.16	1	0.24	2	0.48	0		0		0		12	2.89%
	Administrative	423	355	4	1.13	5	10.24	4	5.56	1	50	0		0		14	3.94%
92	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade 1. Group-A	86	50	1	2	2	4	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	10%
	2. Group-B	65	45	-	-	2	4.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4.44%
	3. Group-C	63	17	1	5.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.88%
93	State Council of Educational Research and Training																
94	Maulana Azad Medical College																
95	Board of Higher Secondary Education, Delhi																
96	Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Delhi																
97	National Board of Examination	225	66	03	4.5	02	3	02	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	07	10.6%
98	Sindhi Academy (GNCTD)	29	20	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	0%
99	Methili-Bhojpuri Academy (GNCTD)	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

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10 0	Punjabi Academy, Delhi (GNCTD)	90	51	-	-	-	-	11	21.57	1	1.96	-	-	-	-	12	23.53%
10 1	Office of Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum-II (South-I)	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
10 2	Homoeopathic Wing of Directorate of AYUSH	358	249	7	2.81	3	1.2	8	3.21	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	7.22%
10 3	Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum –VII (SW) Food, Supply and Consumer Affair, Govt of Delhi	11	5	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	20%
10 4	Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya(Skv) Narela No.1	153	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
10 5	Govt Girls Senior Secondary School No 2, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (School ID: 1923045)	59+	35	0	-	1	2.86	1	2.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5.7%
10 6	Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Pushp Vihar Sector 1 (School ID: 1923058)	51	39	5	12.82	0	0	0	0	1	2.56	0	0	0	0	6	15.38%
10 7	ABG Hospital, Moti Nagar, New Delhi	406	259	2	.77	12	4.63	2	.77	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	6.17%

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108	Government Girls Senior Secondary School, MB Road, Pushp Vihar Sector 1 (School ID: 1923055)	90	42	0	NA	1	2.38	2	4.76	1	2.38	0	NA	0	NA	4	9.52%
109	GBSSS Joshi Colony Mandawali SCH ID: 1002181	66	31	1	3.23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.23%
110	Delhi State Legal Services Authority, Patiala House Courts	317	114	5	4.38	1	0.87	1	0.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	6.14%
111	Hira Lal Jain Senior Secondary School Sadar Bazar Delhi (School ID: 1208121)	39	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	37.50	0	0	0	0	12	37.50%
112	Delhi Judicial Academy, Sector-14, Dwarka	49	36	1	2.78	0	0	0	0	2	5.56	0	0	0	0	3	8.33%
113	Delhi Dispute Resolution Society (Regd.)																
114	Office of the Principal Judge, Family Courts (H.Qs), Dwarka, New Delhi	252	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

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115	Office of the Director General of Prisons, Janakpuri	3240	2032	28	1.37	13	0.64	3	0.15	1	0.05	0	0	0	0	45	2.21%
116	High Court of Delhi	“Data with regard to religion of employees is not being maintained in this Court and the Courts subordinate to this Court” as per letter of Department of Law, Justice & Legislative Affairs, Delhi Gov. dated 3-12-19															
117	Maharishi Valmiki Hospital, Poothkhu rd: Delhi-110039	50	50	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The above data of minority employees' position in 117 Delhi government departments and PSUs, largest so far, for the NCT of Delhi (last year we offered figures of only 15 government departments and PSUs) shows that the percentage of minorities employees is alarmingly low despite all the schemes and promises. The Govt. of NCT of Delhi should seriously look into this problem and find ways to rectify it as slogans of equal opportunities and social justice are meaningless if minorities are not fairly represented in government departments.

## VISITS & AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

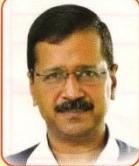
DMC Chairman and Members continued their visits to various outlying areas across NCT of Delhi to understand problems, interact with people and motivate them or to speak at conferences, functions and awareness camps held by empanelled NGOs in collaboration with MMC. The awareness camps are now held more frequently than ever to enlighten minorities about their duties and rights, government schemes, what DMC can do for them and also for the DMC to know their problems and issues.



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( मुस्लिम, ईसाई, सिख, पारसी, बौद्ध और जैन )

के SC / ST / OBC / Minority / आर्थिक रूप से कमज़ोर  
एवं सामान्य वर्ग के विद्यार्थियों को IAS, IPS, IRS  
परीक्षाओं के लिये निःशुल्क कोचिंग की व्यवस्था हेतु



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### जय भीम मुख्यमंत्री प्रतिभा विकास योजना

दिल्ली सरकार ने SC / ST / OBC / Minority / आर्थिक रूप से कमज़ोर एवं सामान्य वर्ग के विद्यार्थियों को IAS, IPS, IRS परीक्षाओं के लिये निःशुल्क कोचिंग योजना की शुरूआत की है। IAS (Indian Administrative Service - भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा), IPS (Indian Police Service - भारतीय पुलिस सेवा), IRS (Indian Revenue Service - भारतीय राजव्य सेवा) जैसी परीक्षाएँ परीक्षा की तैयारी के लिए शुरू की गयी स्कॉल जय भीम मुख्यमंत्री प्रतिभा विकास योजना का उद्देश्य समाज के वर्चित तबके के विद्यार्थियों की पढ़ाई में मदद कर उन्हें आगे बढ़ने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना है।

**योजना का उद्देश्य:** SC / ST / OBC / Minority / आर्थिक रूप से कमज़ोर एवं सामान्य वर्ग के विद्यार्थियों को एक बहेतर जिंदगी और अच्छी शिक्षा व्यवस्था उपलब्ध कराना है।

**किस तरह को कोचिंग कर सकते हैं छात्र:**

- संघ लोक सेवा आयोग (UPSC - Union Public Service Commission) के ग्रुप-ए और ग्रुप-बी, स्टाफ सेलेक्शन कमीशन (SSC - Staff Selection Commission), रेलवे नियुक्ति बोर्ड (RRB - Railway Recruitment Board) और न्यायिक सेवा (Judicial Services) की तैयारी कर रहे विद्यार्थी इस योजना का लाभ उठा सकते हैं।
- राज्य लोक सेवा आयोग (SPSC - State Public Service Commission) द्वारा आयोजित ग्रुप-ए और ग्रुप-बी की परीक्षा की तैयारी कर रहे विद्यार्थी
- बैंक, बीमा कंपनियों और सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम (Public Sector Undertakings - PSUs) में अधिकारी स्तर की परीक्षा की तैयारी कर रहे विद्यार्थी
- इंजीनियरिंग (eg. IIT-JEE-Indian Institute of Technology / The Joint Entrance Examination) & (AIEEE - All India Engineering Entrance Examination), मेडिकल (eg. AIPMT - The All India Pre-Medical Test / Pre-Dental Entrance Test), प्रवेशन (eg. CAT - Common Admission Test) और लॉ (eg. CLAT - The Common Law Admission Test) और इस तरह की अन्य प्रतियोगिता के लिए तैयारी करने वाले विद्यार्थी

**कैसे लागू होती है जय भीम मुख्यमंत्री प्रतिभा विकास योजना:** यह स्कॉल सरकार द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थान, एनजीओ या निजी संस्थान द्वारा लागू की जा रही है। जय भीम मुख्यमंत्री प्रतिभा विकास योजना के तहत रजिस्टर्ड विद्यार्थियों को कोचिंग फीस के अलावा 2500/- रुपये तक की प्रति महीने मदद मिलती है।

**विद्यार्थियों को क्या फायदे मिलेंगे:**

- विद्यार्थी के परिवार की वार्षिक आय 2,00,000/- रुपये ( दो लाख रुपये ) से कम है तो कोचिंग की 100% फीस माफ होगी।
- विद्यार्थी के परिवार की वार्षिक आय 2,00,000/- से 6,00,000/- रुपये ( दो से छह लाख रुपये ) के बीच है तो कोचिंग की 75% फीस माफ होगी।

**इस योजना में कौन आवेदन कर सकता है:**

- विद्यार्थी दिल्ली का मूल निवासी हो और उसने दिल्ली से 10वीं और 12वीं की परीक्षा पास की हो।
- कोचिंग संस्थान द्वारा शैक्षणिक मार्गदर्शक के आधार पर विद्यार्थियों का वयन किया जाता है। इस योजना में विद्यार्थियों के लिये कोचिंग संस्थान द्वारा सर्वप्रथम परीक्षा (Entrance Exam) आयोजित की जाती है। विद्यार्थियों को इस परीक्षा में निर्धारित अंकों से उत्तीर्ण होना अनिवार्य है।
- दिल्ली सरकार के प्रायोजन विभाग (Sponsoring Department) के तहत कोचिंग के लिए चयनित संस्थान कुछ जरूरतमंद विद्यार्थियों को निःशुल्क कोचिंग के लिये नामांकित कर सकता है। ▪ विद्यार्थी के परिवार की कुल वार्षिक आय 6,00,000/- रुपये ( छह लाख रुपये ) से अधिक नहीं हो।

**योजना का लाभ लेने के लिए जरूरी दस्तावेज़ ( कोचिंग में एडमिशन से संबंधित दस्तावेज़ ):**

- मूल निवास का प्रमाण पत्र ( राशन कार्ड, आधार कार्ड, बोटर आईडी कार्ड )
- 10वीं या 12वीं कक्षा का प्रमाण पत्र
- आय प्रमाण पत्र (by SDM)
- जाति प्रमाण पत्र (by SDM)

*First pages of leaflets distributed in DMC awareness camps*

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द्वारा प्रदत्त

## परिवहन ऋण योजना

इस योजना के अन्तर्गत जिन लक्षित समूह के व्यवसायिकों के पास वैध व्यवसायिक लाईसेंस एवं बैंज हैं, उन्हें स्वयंजगर हेतु कमर्शियल प्रयोजन क्षेत्र के लिये अधिकतम 10.00 लाख रुपये तक का व्यवसायिक वाहन खरीदने हेतु ऋण प्रदान किया जाता है।

**ऋण कीन प्राप्त कर सकता है:** दिल्ली में पिछड़ा 5 वर्गों में विवास करने वाला अनुमूलिक जाति (SC) / अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग (OBC) / अल्पसंख्यक (Minority) समुदाय एवं पक्षीय कर्मचारी श्रेणी का व्यक्ति।

**साथरण व्याज दर:** 5.00 लाख रुपये तक 6% वार्षिक व्याज एवं 10.00 लाख रुपये तक 8% वार्षिक व्याज दर का ऋण दिया जाता है, जिसमें से माह का वित्तन काल शामिल है। यदि ऋण के भुगतान में कोटाई होती होते हैं तो 2% अतिरिक्त व्याज लिया जायेगा।

**पात्रता की शर्तें (Eligibility Criteria)**

- आवेदक को अनुमूलिक जाति / अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग / अल्पसंख्यक श्रेणी का होना अनिवार्य है।
- आवेदक दिल्ली का पिछड़े 5 वर्गों में घरीबी निवासी हो।
- आवेदक की आयु 18 वर्ष से 45 वर्ष के बीच होनी चाहिए।
- आवेदक के पर्यावर की सभी लोकों से वार्षिक जाति अल्पसंख्यकों के लिये 12,000/- रुपये एवं अनुमूलिक जाति (SC) / अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग (OBC) के लिये 3,000 लाख रुपये से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए (सफाई कर्मचारी श्रेणी को छोड़कर)।
- आवेदक इस नियम द्वारा लागू की गई किसी भी योजना के तहत कभी डिफल्टर घोषित न किया गया हो।

**आवेदक (Applicant) के पूर्ण स्वीकृति के आवश्यक वसायें:**

- ऋण आवेदन प्रपत्र (Loan Application Form)
- आवेदक के मालिन में दिल्ली सरकार के SDM द्वारा जारी किए गए SC / OBC श्रेणी का जाति प्रमाण पत्र (Caste Certificate)
- यदि आवेदक अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय (Minority Category) के संविधित अन्तर्गत भ्राता है तो इसके भ्राता के लिए एक शपथपत्र (Affidavit) आवश्यक है।
- पर वाचन पत्र (Voter ID Card) / आधार कार्ड (Aadhar Card) / RC की प्रतिलिपि।
- आयु प्रमाण (Age Proof) / जन्म प्रमाणपत्र (Birth Certificate) की प्रतिलिपि।
- वाणिज्ञान लाइसेंस और बैंज की प्रतिलिपि (Copy of Commercial License and Badge)
- संविधित एडीएप के कार्यालय द्वारा जारी आय प्रमाण पत्र (Income Certificate) की प्रतिलिपि।
- किसी भी बैंक या वित्तीय संस्थाओं से उसी उद्देश्य के लिए कोई ऋण नहीं लिया गया है, के बाबत शपथ पत्र
- वाहन की जानकारी देना (Quotation of the Vehicle)

DMC has been holding these camps for the last many years and these are mentioned in DMC annual reports. The authority to hold such camps stems from the mandate of the DMC in the light of the DMC Act 1999 which states, *inter alia*, “The Commission shall perform all or any of the following functions... (e) hold seminars, debates and discussions on problems affecting the Minority Communities of Delhi to raise public awareness.” (*DMC Act 1999, chapter III.10(e), pp. 6-7*). The numbers of awareness camps held during the last two years have multiplied many times under the current Commission in comparison to the earlier practice. Besides DMC Chairman and Members, experts and representatives of government departments and banks address these gatherings and hold interactive sessions with the audience.

The awareness camps focus on various schemes for minorities like Central and state governments' scholarships and the state



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## प्रदत्त कल्याणकारी योजनाएँ

**प्रियजन और उद्देश्य:**

डीएसएफडीसी एक राज्य स्तर की संस्था एवं ऐसे लाभकारी संगठन हैं, जो राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली में घरीबी रेखा से नीचे रहने वाले अनुमूलिक जाति / अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग / अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय, साथी कर्मचारीयों और विकलांग लोगों के आर्थिक विकास के लिये समृद्ध विकास और अधिक विकास गतिविधियों को विनापेश, सुधारणा प्रदान करने और बढ़ावा देने के लिए है।

- विनियन आर्थिक विकास योजनाओं को तैयार करने, बहाने, बदलने एवं उनका नियंत्रण करने के लिए।
- संस्थान ऋण एकान्तर करना, बदला देने और उत्तरक के रूप में कार्य करना।
- लाख समूह से संबंधित युवाओं को विभिन्न आय पैदा करने / नौकरी उन्मुख पाठ्यक्रमों में प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करना।

**डीएसएफडीसी को नियनालिखित राष्ट्रीय स्तर के एपेक्षण निगमों की राज्य चैनलिंग एजेंसी के रूप में नामित किया गया है:-**

- राष्ट्रीय अनुमूलिक जाति वित्तीय एवं विकास निगम (एन.एस.एफ.डी.सी.-NSFDC)
- राष्ट्रीय समृद्धि कर्मचारी वित्तीय एवं विकास निगम (एन.एस.एफ.डी.सी.-NSKFDC)
- राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक आय वित्तीय निगम (एन.एस.एफ.डी.सी.-NMFDC)
- राष्ट्रीय विकास वाहन वित्तीय एवं विकास निगम (एन.एस.एफ.डी.सी.-NBFCDC)
- राष्ट्रीय विकलांग वित्तीय एवं विकास निगम (एन.एस.एफ.डी.सी.-NHFDC)

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## राष्ट्रीय एपेक्षण निगम

(National Apex Corporation, Govt.of India) की

## शैक्षिक ऋण योजना

इस योजना के अन्तर्गत दिल्ली में विवास करने वाले व्यवसायिकों को व्यवसायिक और तकनीकी पाठ्यक्रमों (Professional & Technical Studies) के लिये शिक्षण योजना के तहत ऋण प्रदान किया जाता है।

- भारत में अधिकतम कारोबारी वित्तीय एवं विकास निगम (एन.एस.एफ.डी.सी.-NSFDC) और सह-उद्धारकर्ता कारोबारी वित्तीय एवं विकास निगम (एन.एस.एफ.डी.सी.-NSKFDC) द्वारा अधिकतम 20.00 लाख रुपये तक का ऋण (ऋण योजना-1) और विवेश में अध्ययन करने पर 20.00 लाख रुपये तक का ऋण (ऋण योजना-2) का मध्यम से दीर्घी दी जाता है।

**सरकारी योजना का लिये**

**ऋण योजना - 1**

- भारत में अधिकतम कारोबारी वित्तीय एवं विकास निगम (एन.एस.एफ.डी.सी.-NSFDC) द्वारा अधिकतम 20.00 लाख रुपये तक का ऋण (ऋण योजना-1) और विवेश में अध्ययन करने पर 20.00 लाख रुपये तक का ऋण (ऋण योजना-2) का मध्यम से दीर्घी दी जाता है।

**ऋण योजना - 2**

- विवेश में अध्ययन करने वाले व्यवसायिक और तकनीकी पाठ्यक्रमों के लिये सरकार द्वारा 20.00 लाख रुपये तक का ऋण पुरुषों के लिये 5% वार्षिक दर पर दिया जाता है।

**आवेदक वसायें की सूची:** क) आवेदन पत्र के साथ-

- आवेदक (Applicant), मह-उद्धारकर्ता (Parents/Guardian) और गारंटर (Guarantor) के आधार कार्ड की प्रतिलिपि
- संबंधित एडीएपों के कार्यालय द्वारा जारी रहे उद्धारकर्ता (Parents/Guardian) के आय प्रमाण पत्र की प्रतिलिपि या कार्ड-16 की प्रतिलिपि।
- आयत प्रमाण के अलावा तालिका (Mark Sheet) की कपी जिसके तहत आवेदक के लिये सरकार द्वारा 20.00 लाख रुपये तक का ऋण पुरुषों के लिये 5% वार्षिक दर पर दिया जाता है।

**आवेदक वसायें की सूची:** क) आवेदन पत्र के साथ-

- आवेदक के मालिन में दिल्ली सरकार के SDM द्वारा जारी किए गए SC / OBC श्रेणी का जाति प्रमाण पत्र (Caste Certificate)
- आवेदक के आधार कार्ड की कपी जिसके तहत आवेदक को अवधारक अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय (Minority Category) के सम्बन्धित आयता होता है तो इसके प्रभाव के लिए एक शपथपत्र (Affidavit) आवश्यक है।
- किसी भी बैंक या वित्तीय संस्थानों से दीर्घी दरें के लिये विवेश के लिये कोई ऋण नहीं दिया गया है।
- यह प्रतिलिपि आवेदक की शुल्क / मुक्ति शुल्क / आवेदक की पुष्टि, यदि कोई हो।
- विशेष कार्य / कालिक / संस्थान में प्रवेश के समूह की प्रतिलिपि।
- पाठ्यक्रम के लिए कार्यालय द्वारा जारी दिया गए माम-मोटिस (Demand Notice) की समय-सारिणी की प्रतिलिपि।
- विदेशी वाहन परमिट (Foreign Expenses Permit) की प्रतिलिपि, यदि लागू हो।
- आवेदक और सह-उद्धारकर्ता के पिछड़े 6 महीने के लिए लागू हो।
- उद्धारकर्ता और सह-उद्धारकर्ता की वाहन परमिट (Signature Identification) की प्रतिलिपि।
- आवेदक / सह-उद्धारकर्ता की वाहन परमिट (Signature Identification) की वाहन परमिट।

government's fee reimbursement, stationery help and various loan schemes. Like the previous year, the last date for the applications for scholarships, fees reimbursements and stationery was extended this year too, thanks to the intervention of the Commission.

Addressing audiences at awareness camps and other public meetings as well as in the DMC conference room, DMC Chairman and Members informed audiences that one of the important roles of the Commission is to hear the complaints and petitions regarding the deprivation of rights, safeguard the interests of minority communities and take up such matters with the appropriate authorities for necessary action and redressal. Complaints are taken up either by receiving complaints in person or via post and email or *suo motu*. The Commission has powers of a civil court while hearing petitions/complaints.

While interacting with audiences, DMC Chairman and Members laid great emphasis on the importance of education in the present world and urged upon all to pursue the education of their children to the highest levels, seek quality education and benefit from the facilities and scholarships offered by the state and Central governments which were not available until very recently. They also advised that both girls and boys should be given equal opportunity in the field of education. The Commission apprised the people about the need for skill development for all who dropped out and could not pursue higher education.

The audiences were also apprised about the scheme of the Government of India regarding Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) applicable to the North East District of Delhi. Efforts of participating NGOs were appreciated as they represent the bridge through which the Commission can reach out to minorities in various areas.

### **DMC Awareness Camps across Delhi from 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019**

Sr. No.	Date of the awareness camp	Place of the awareness camp	In collaboration with (name of NGO)
1	13.10.18	Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi	Betiya Foundation
2	14.10.18	1, Ashok Place Near Gole Dak Khana, New Delhi	Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society
3	22.10.18	JG-II/344 Vikas Puri, New Delhi-18	All India Youth Sikh Sangat Sewa Samiti Association
4	23.10.18	Jawahar Mohalla, Shashi Garden, Basti Vikas Kendra, Patparganj, Delhi-91	Samaj Vikas Samiti
5	31.10.18	Nirman Chowk, J. J. Colony, Madanpur Khaddar Ext. New Delhi-110076	The Muneer Social Welfare Society
6	11.11.18	St. John Mary Church, Sanjay colony, Gali no. 10, Narela, Delhi-40	Heal
7	30.11.18	Raghbir Nagar, Near E- Block, Gurudwara, New Delhi	Aakansha Samiti
8	12.12.18	Jain Athiti Bhawan Gali No. 8, Shanti Mohalla Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031	Educational Technology Foundation Social
9	20.12.18	Chirag Delhi, Ram Lila Ground, opp. Chirag Delhi Dargah, New Delhi-17	Betiya Foundation
10	29.12.18	Bast Vikas Kendra C-Block, Phase-II, Houlambi Kalan North-west, Delhi-82	Heal
11	29.12.18	Pahelwan Chowk, Nafees Road, Batla House	Institute of Learning Mania

		Okhla, Delhi	
12	11.01.19	Charitable Hospital, Z-101, Udyog Nagar, Peera Garhi, Delhi-41	Lakshya Child & Women Welfare Association
13	16.01.19	E-5 Basti Vikas Kendra, Delhi	Chetanalaya
14	20.01.19	Don Bosco Technical Institute Okhla Road New Delhi -110025	Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society
15	26.01.19	St. Xavier's Technical Institute Shahbad, Delhi	Indian Social Institute
16	28.01.19	Sofia Head Office, 663 Gali No.6 Old Mustafabad Delhi	Sofia
17	29.01.19	C- Block, 394-95, Jahangir Puri, Delhi	Chetanalaya
18	30.01.19	D-106, New Seema Puri, Delhi	Chetanalaya
19	30.01.19	B-Block, J. J. Colony near Masjid Bindapur, Delhi	Kirti Foundation
20	06.02.19	Shastri Park, Delhi	Chetanalaya
21	07.02.19	DDA Teiveni Complex, Sheikh Sarai Phase-I, Near PNB, Malviya Nagar, Delhi-110017	Betiya Foundation
22	10.02.19	St. Michel School, Prasad Nagar, New Delhi	Heal
23	11.02.19	U-505, S/F Second pusta, near Bajaj Showroom, Delhi	Educational Technology Foundation society
24	13.02.19	Krishna hall, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi	Saraswati Educational Society
25	18.02.19	RZ-D-1, A Block, H. No. 136/A Part- I, Palam New Delhi-45	Kaushki Social Welfare & Enviornment Society
26	27.02.19	Afgani Chowk, Village-Wazirabad Delhi-84	Right Way
27	07.03.19	Pakiza Barat Gahar Gali No. 11 Jafrabad, Delhi-110053	Bagh Educational & Social Welfare Society
28	07.03.19	Savatri Nagar Park Near DDA, MIG Flats, New Delhi-110017	Betiya Foundation
29	11.03.19	Irfania Madarsa Hall, New Ashok Nagar, N. Delhi-110096	Ujjwal Mahila Vikas Society
30	15.03.19	Jawahar Mohalla, Shashi Garden, Basti Vikas Kendra, Patparganj, Delhi-91	Samaj Vikas Samiti
31	15.03.19	H Block, Ghadhada Colony, Part-2, Delhi-44	Institute of Learning Mania
32	19.03.19	St. Mary's Senior Secondary School, Pkt. A/2, Mayur Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-96	Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society
33	20.03.19	Fr. Angel School, Gautam Nagar, New Delhi	Indian Social Institute
34	21.03.19	Basti Vikas Kendra, Udyog Nagar, Peera Garhi, Delhi-41	Lakshya Child & Women Welfare Association
35	28.03.19	Community Hall (Chaupal), Ghondli, Delhi-110051	Ekta Shiksha Sansthan
36	28.03.19	Jain Hall Kh-57, Manav Mandir Ring Road, Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi-13	Manav Mandir Foundation
37	09.04.19	Shastri Park, Near Rasheedia Masjid, Delhi-53	Right Way
38	30.04.19	R-181, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, Near Shakarpur Thana Road, Delhi	Ujjwal Mahila Vikas Society
39	30.04.19	Laxmi Nagar, near Shakarpur Thana, Delhi	Ujjwal Mahila Vikas Society
40	28.06.19	G-1/130, Street No. 6, 5 <sup>th</sup> Pusta Sonia Vihar, Delhi	St. Thomas Multipurpose Educational Society

The above is the list of the official awareness camps; there were other unofficial awareness camps, public meetings and conferences organised by NGOs in which DMC representatives participated.

## INITIATIVES BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission pays due attention to the problems and state of civic facilities in areas inhabited by the minority communities across NCT of Delhi. Some important issues are as follows:

- Monitoring civic facilities in minority areas;
- Buland Masjid dispensary: monitoring its progress, site inspection, letters to PWD, Distt. Magistrate, North-East and Ministry of Minority Affairs to release funds;
- Queries to police, departments of education, health, various municipal corporations of NCT of Delhi;
- Revival of a forgotten scheme of a hospital in Okhla;
- Problems of Urdu and Punjabi teachers and teaching of Urdu and Punjabi in schools;
- Follow-up of fee reimbursement applications in cases of difficulties and trying understand why welfare and scholarship schemes are not working properly.
- Problems of students at various schools especially in cases where studying their mother tongue is denied to them;
- Issues of waqfs, graveyards, cemeteries, dargahs, mosques, gurudwaras and churches;
- Issue of minority certificates to sons and daughters of minorities seeking admission and loans etc. in various educational courses and loan schemes.

**Legal panel:** On 4 February, 2019 the Commission decided to create a legal panel to help it in discharge of its duties, prepare briefs, offer legal opinion, help in formulation of notices, help the Commission during hearings and framing of replies; they also fight cases on behalf of the Commission. This was necessary because the Law Department of Govt. of NCT of Delhi had officially informed the Commission that it offers its services only to the departments of the government while the Commission is autonomous and it should make its own arrangements. Some advocates had already volunteered to offer their part-time services to the Commission. The Commission appreciated their gesture and resolved to accept their services for the Commission on a part-time basis for which they are paid a token honorarium. As of now four such part-time advocates are serving the Commission which has streamlined and facilitated DMC work. These advocates are available for consultation by the minority people in the afternoons on working days.

**Internship scheme:** In January 2019, Delhi Minorities Commission started an internship scheme for students seeking hands-on experience of official work. Students from departments like law and political science are welcome to come to the Commission for a week or more (upto one month), understand its work and see how complaints are received and dealt with. The interns are able to interact with the Commission's Chairman, Members and staff and study files allowed to them by the Commission. At the end of the internship period, they are awarded a certificate and a token honorarium. Under this scheme, Ms Sirishti Verma, a student of the

Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, was the first to serve as an intern and was awarded her certificate by the Commission in January 2019 (*below*). Later many students like Bhavya Gupta, Rhea Ajay Banerjee, Ritu Verma and Rezin Abdullah K. of Markaz Law College, Calicut, served as interns in DMC.



**Internal Complaints Committee:** On 13 June, 2019 Chairman DMC created an Internal Complaints Committee in compliance with Section 4 of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. The tenure of the committee will be three years. The following is the composition of the Committee: Ms. Madhvi Sharma, MSc, LL.B. (Legal Advisor), DMC (Presiding Officer), Ms. Anjana Sr., Assistant, DMC (Member), Dr. Prabhjot Kaur (Educationist & Social Worker) (Member) and Mr. Tabish Sarosh, LL.M. (Legal Advisor), DMC (Member).

## ADVISORY & PEACE COMMITTEES, EMPANELLED NGOS

### ADVISORY COMMITTEES



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communal harmony, facilities offered by the state and the role of the Commission in solving legitimate problems of minority communities.

**Parsi Advisory committee:** In September 2018, the Commission was able to make contacts with the Parsi Anjuman in Delhi and created an eight-member Parsi advisory committee for the first time in the Commission's history. It included the head of the Parsi Anjuman in Delhi. This committee, from various segments of society, is growing slowly comprising of the cream of the Parsi community in the NCT.

**Meetings of the Muslim, Jain, Buddhist and Parsi advisory committees, Peace Committee and Empanelled NGOs:** In November 2018, meetings of the Sikh, Christian, Muslim, Jain, Buddhist and Parsi advisory committees, Peace Committee and empanelled NGOs were held at the conference hall of the Delhi Secretariat over a number of days. Chairman and Members of the Commission attended these meetings and apprised the members about the role of the commission, government schemes and achievements of the Commission.

The current Commission mostly retained the previously constituted advisory committees for each designated minority community (Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists and Jains) in addition to the Peace Committee which is open to all. The current Commission added many new members to all these committees from all parts of NCT of Delhi. As per a recommendation of Delhi Legislative Assembly, hon'ble MPs and MLA of Delhi were asked to nominate persons from their constituencies. Many obliged and persons recommended by them were accommodated in these committees. In addition, there is a panel of NGOs working in NCT of Delhi. NGOs wishing to be empanelled by the Commission should be active to serve minorities in NCT of Delhi.

There is a fair representation from various walks of life and professions as well as community leaders in these advisory committees. They keep the Commission apprised of issues affecting communities, try to solve minority problems on their own and bring their problems to the knowledge of the Commission.

Regular meetings of, and interactions with, advisory committees, groups and delegations are held to know the problems of the communities and also to convey to them the message of

It was also useful to hear to the members about problems of minorities in Delhi and ways to mitigate them. The audiences were also informed about the problems faced by the Commission especially from an uncooperating bureaucracy and successive change of Secretaries serving the Commission. They were apprised about some bold decisions taken by the Commission like getting erring policemen punished, order regarding dress code for Muslim women and Sikhs wishing to appear in exams and tests with their religious symbols; starting to issue minority certificates, enquiries about scholarships and loan schemes, etc.

**Meeting with visitors and complainants:** The Commission Chairman and Members daily attended office and meet any visitor with or without appointment. Action was taken promptly on all valid complaints supported by proofs. Moreover, the Commission took *sou motu* notice of minority-relative problems published in media or which come to its knowledge from other sources.

**Awareness camps:** The Commission held dozens of awareness camps in various areas of Delhi which is about twenty times more than the camps held before the current Commission took over. Such camps are organized on behalf of the Commission by our empanelled NGOs and financial help is given for the same.

The Commission raised the maximum amount allowed for each and enhanced the financial help in three slabs according to attendance in each awareness camp. The Commission also decided to allow empanelled NGOs to hold conferences and seminars and to conduct studies on their own on minority themes with Commission funding. The commission also decided to give aid to authors to get their books on minority-related issues published.

The Commission has done away with the previous practice of accepting applications for empanelment of NGOs within a time-frame. Now NGOs can apply any time to empanel with the Commission. The conditions are simple: they have to apply on their letterhead attaching copies of registration papers, three years' audit reports and three years' activities reports. The number of empanelled NGOs has shot up from around two dozens to over a hundred now.

**Awards:** DMC started from 2018 awards to minority communities in Delhi in various fields as well as to majority community persons in the field of communal harmony and human rights. The first awards were presented during the *Annual conference* in December 2018. A list of winners of these awards was published in a booklet which is accessible at <https://tinyurl.com/DMC-2018-Awards>.

**Training programmes:** The Commission frequently holds training programmes in its conference room for advisory committee members on minority issues, DMC mandate and government welfare schemes so that the participants may serve their communities better and become trainers themselves. Certificates are issued to participants in these training programmes.

**Peace Committee:** The Commission has a peace committee consisting of people from all communities including the majority community. It is tasked to work for communal harmony, intervene and help the public and authorities in cases of disharmony. The current Commission retained the previous committee with many additions to give more representation to various communities and areas of NCT of Delhi.

All Advisory and Peace Committees members are issued letters as well as identity cards for smooth coordination with the authorities to help needy minority people.

**Empanelled NGOs:** The Commission has a panel of empanelled NGOs with roots or offices in NCT of Delhi. These should be working for minorities in addition to their other pursuits. For empanelment, NGOs are required to apply on their letterheads attaching a copy of their registration documents, three years' audit and activity reports in addition to IDs of their main functionaries. Such NGOs are invited to Commission meetings and encouraged to hold awareness camps in various areas inhabited by minorities. Expenses of such camps are borne by the Commission. The empanelled NGOs can also participate in tenders for studies commissioned by DMC. If there is any doubt about the aims of an NGO applying for empanelment with DMC, it will be asked to explain in writing how it is planning to serve minorities in NCT of Delhi within the mandate of DMC.

NGOs help DMC reach minority communities in their areas where scope, mandate and vision of DMC as well minority rights and various schemes of the Central and state governments for minorities are explained and people are encouraged to approach DMC for the redressal of their genuine problems and complaints.

The Minority Committee of the Delhi Legislative Assembly had advised DMC to co-opt two NGOs from each constituency. As a result, letters were sent to all the 72 Delhi MLAs to nominate two NGOs from their constituencies. They were also asked to nominate persons of integrity and concern for minorities in their constituencies for the membership of the Peace and community advisory committees of the DMC. Some MLAs responded with their nominations which were accepted.

**Enhancement of funding limits:** In December, 2018 the Commission decided to raise the maximum limit of the financial help provided to organize awareness camps on behalf of DMC



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as follows: (1) Slab 1 upto 150 attendance: Rs 50,000, (2) Slab 2 upto 250 attendance: Rs. 75,000 and (3) Slab 3: beyond 250 attendance: Rs 100,000. The Commission also decided to fund holding of seminars and conferences and publication of books/studies by empanelled NGOs provided same is approved in advance by the Commission. For this, NGOs will have to apply in writing giving full details of the proposed seminar, conference and book/study. Funding will be made only for pre-approved events and schemes and funds will be released once the said event/scheme has taken place. This scheme came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 and applies to camps/events/schemes approved after the issuance of this intimation. Later, in order to prevent misuse, slabs were introduced for maximum payments under various heads.

**Assessment of empanelled NGOs:** In May 2019, the Commission undertook an evaluation of the empanelled NGOs to know which ones are active in service of minorities and keep in touch with the Commission.

During the period under review, the number of NGOs empanelled with DMC reached 101, a sharp increase from last year's tally of 43. The door for the empanelment of eligible NGOs is kept open. NHOs/Trusts/Societies desirous of empanelment by DMC must be registered and should present at the time of their application a copy of their registration papers alongwith three years' audit and activity reports.

#### Here is list of the NGOs empanelled with the DMC as on 30 June, 2019:

Sr.	Name& Address of the NGO	Contact No.	Email Address
1.	Chetanalaya Fr.J. John Brittoo Xavier ,Director 910, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, New Delhi-110011.	011-23347506 011-23744308	chetanalya@gmail.com
2.	DCVS Dr. D.K Pandey E-25, Ground Floor, Street No.18, Madhuvihar, I.P.Extension, Delhi-110092.	9212704840	dcvsngo049@yahoo.com
3.	Operational Research and Development Services Dr. Ashad Ali, 318, Wadhwa Complex, D-288-89/10, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092.	8800967584	Asad.ali78@gamil.com
4.	Shri Maa Sharda Rashtriya Sewa Samiti, Acharya Ram Gopal Dixit, President H.No. J/2, J-Extension,4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Krishn Kunj, Delhi-110092.	9868033643 9958003643	rgdixtlmnt@gmail.com
5.	Saraswati Educational Society, Sh. Amit Mishra(President) 84, Krishan Kunj Extension, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092.	9810755653 64643445	Amit_ses97@yahoo.co.in
6.	Women's Welfare & Self-Employment Society, Dr. Meenakshi Garg(President) B-2/401, Paradise Apartments, 40-IP Extn. Patparganj, Mother Dairy Road, Delhi-110092.	011-22778947 22722192	Womanwelfare.ses1980@gmail.com

Sr.	Name & Address of the NGO	Contact No.	Email Address
7.	Nitya Foundation Sh. Anil Kumar(President) H-28, F/F, Om Complex Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092.	9818885691	nityafoundationindia@gmail.com
8.	Society for Social Welfare and Development, Sh. Muhammad Mohsin, Secretary, 9/72, Khichri Puri, Delhi-110091.	08265843721	socialmohshin@gmail.com
9.	Welfare Association for the Handicapped, Sh. Mahfooz Alam(Chief Trustee) 10/142, Block -10, Khichripur, East Delhi-110091.	9910676268	Welfareassociation4handicapped@gmail.com
10.	Deshaj Pratishthan Sh. Mahant Tewari(President) 6/D-2, Hindustan Times Apartments Mayur Vihar-1, Delhi-110091.	9891742980 9891742960	deshajpratishthan@yahoo.com
11.	Abhivyakti Foundation, Sh. Shailendra Kumar Singh, General Secretary 403-404, Dreamland 1/18-3, Asaf Ali Road, Opp. Kamla Market, New Delhi-110002.	9868035848 9213219565	abhivyaktifoundation2000@yahoo.com
12.	Allama Rafiq Trust, Sh. Maqsood Ahmad , Secretary 772-1 & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Community Centre, Sulwanal, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002.	9313625476	allmarafiqtrust.com
13.	Business and Employment Bureau, Sh. Shaukat Mufti, Executive Secretary, Hamdard Building, 2A/A-3, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi-110002.	011-23239801-04	Bebdelhi@gmail.com
14.	Delhi Brotherhood Society, Sh. R.K. Mishra 7 Court Lane, Delhi-110054.	9350295303	rmishra841@gmail.com dbs@bol.net.in.in
15.	Serve Nidaan Welfare Society C-47, F/F Aruna Nagar Majuna Ka Tila, Delhi-110054.	9278129586	Sahilpius31@gmail.com
16.	Jeewan Anmol Trust of India, Mary Nagarajan Divya Jyoti Apartment, C-117, Sector-19, Rohini, Delhi-110089.	9818432879 9250142899	jeevananmol@yahoo.com
17.	Social Pride Welfare Society, Dr. M. Kamal Ahmad, President, B-49, Ist Floor, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025.	9999890926	drkamalahmad@yahoo.com

Sr.	Name & Address of the NGO	Contact No.	Email Address
18.	Asian Centre for Organization Research & Development Prof. MDG. Koreth, Chairman 166, LGF, Pocket-2, Jasola, New Delhi-110025.	011-26714495	acordasia.org
19.	Roshan Trust NGO Sh. Musharraf Hussain, Chairman 122 Street no. 1 Zakir Nagar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025	9213413292, 011-26986122	Husain.musharraf@gmail.com
20.	Institute of Objective Studies, Sh. Abdul Majeed, Coordinator 162 Jogabai, Main Road, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025	011-26987467, 011-26981187	ios.newdelhi@gmail.com
21.	Institute of Learning Mania Smt. Shama Khan(President) 756, Lane No. 20-A, Zakir Nagar, Okhla New Delhi-110025.	8076460249 8860238078	Shamakhan1346@gmail.com
22.	Society for Education and Training, A/6, Johry Farm, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025.	9540730535 8510053064	Setdu.training@gmail.com
23.	Jan Utthan Samiti Sh. Mohsin Ali Khan(Chairman-cum-Settler) F-155, Flat No.405, Fourth Floor Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025.	9999002511 9891340875	jannutthansamiti@gmail.com
24.	Society for Equity & Inclusive Development(SEID) Sh. Ahmad Waseem(President) 311-A, Village Okhla Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025.	9716704815 8588017828	Seid1k8@gmail.com
25.	Rehab India Foundation, Shifa Rizvi(CSR) N-44 G/F, Hilal Homes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage, Abul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar, Okhla New Delhi-110025	29946637	contact@rehabindiafoundation.org.
26.	Association for Community Research & Action, Dr.M. Shahid Siddiqui(President) C-10, Old Jasola, New Delhi-110025	9999905949	mail@acralive.org.
27.	AFDWOSE Mohd. John(Secretary) N-29-B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Abdul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025.	9313617433 8742991858	afdose@gmail.com
28.	Sofia Educational Welfare Society, Sh. Sohail Khan, President 73, Street No.9, Main Brijpuri Road, Old Mustafabad, Delhi-110094.	9540060606	ngosofia@gmail.com
29.	Lumbani Educational & Social Advancement Society, A-1, Kanhya Vihar Main Road, Johripur, New Punjab National Bank, Delhi-110094.	9968377730	Suneetkumar74@gmail.com

Sr.	Name & Address of the NGO	Contact No.	Email Address
30.	Young Women's Christian Association, Ms. Geetha Josep Chacko, President Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.	011-23362779 011-23362975	Paywcadelhi.org.
31.	Mahilayen Pragati Ki Ore, Smt. Usha Nishchal, President, S-1/77, Old Mahavir Nagar, PO-Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018.	9212002405 9999705042	nischalusha@gmail.com
32.	Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust Sh. Rajeev Jolly Khosla, National Secretary Yogeshwar Devi Dayal Mahamandir, A-777, Block-08, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018	011-40000777 9811970394	info@syaat.org yogacharya@gmail.com
33.	All India Youth Sikh Sangat Sewa Samiti Association (Regd.) Sh. Ravinder Singh (President) JG-II, 344 FF, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018.	9818334334 8527325325	
34.	Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti, Sh. Acharya Lokesh Muni, President 63/1, Old Rajendra Nagar, Near Karol Bagh Metro Station, New Delhi-110060.	9313833222	acharya@ahimsavishwabharti.org
35.	Heal NGO Sh. Grace Saxena Director 19/15 G/F Old Rajender, Nagar New Delhi-110060	9811792172	Grace.saxena71@gmail.com
36.	PRATYEK Sh. Steve Rocha (Executive Director) 338, Double Storey, New Rajender Nagar, Delhi-110060.	9990999640 9911602999	epratyek@gmail.com
37.	Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society, Vinay K. Stephen, GeneralSecretary Block No.9, Basti Vikas Kendra, Trilokpuri, New Delhi-110091	9811025437 9868948348	smmsss@gamil.com
38.	Manav Janjagrutka Samiti Sh. Khursheed Alam (Secretary) 15-16/36, DDA Market, Trilok Puri, Delhi-110091	9350366178 7042646908	manavjanjagrutasamiti@gmail.com
39.	Samaj Vikas Samiti, Nasir Malik, President E-20 B/100, Jawahar Mohalla, Partapganj, New Delhi-110091	9911904915	Svsngo1996@gmail.com

Sr.	Name & Address of the NGO	Contact No.	Email Address
40.	Action for Community Development Trust, Smt. Kavita Thamby(Founder Trustee) 9-D, Hindustan Times Apartment, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091	9717472228	
41.	Aastha Aur Prayas Samiti(Regd.) Sh.Ashwini Kumar Tiwari(President) 36/60, Trilok Puri, Delhi-110091.	8076025479 9643600096	aapsamiti@gmail.com
42.	Jan Manas Society, Sh. Sayed Hasan Akbar,President T-661, Street No.10, Gautam Puri, Delhi-110053	9911166900	janmanasngo@yahoo.com
43.	Dr. Hahnemann Education Development Society, Dr. M.Q Nayyar,Gen. Secretary C-167 Welcome, Seelampur-IV, Delhi-110053.	9910285448 9312325694	hahnemannsociety@gmail.com
44.	Educational Technology Foundation Society, Sh. Sharvan Kumar Jain(Chairman) T-394, Street No. 4, Gautampuri, New Delhi-110053.	9810825582 9718779707	
45.	Bagh Educational & Social Welfare Society, Sh. Sayyed Riazul Hasan (President) 12A/5B, Lane No., Vijay Mohalla Maujpur, New Delhi-110053.	9873446003 9250571662	baghsociety@gmail.com
46.	St. Thomas Multipurpose Educational Society Regd. Smt. Amrita Bisht(Secretary) C-240, Street No. 9, Bhanjanpura, Delhi-110053.	9868442027 9013190666 9654269300	St.thomas1987society@gmail.com
47.	Al-Kabeer Islamic Development Trust Sh. Shehzad Siddiqui(President) J-195, Janta Colony Near Masjid Khajoor Wali Delhi-110053.	9850881111 9250881000	akidtrust@gmail.com
48.	Anglo Urdu Educational & Welfare Society, Sh. Amirul Hasan(Gen.Secretary) House No.477, Street No.21, Jafarabad, Delhi-110053.	7011606397 9899151351	Anglourdungo2008@gmail.com
49.	Jamia Islamia Delhi, Dr. M.A. Ansari(President) L-13/1, Lane No.12, Brahmpuri(Near Masjid Al Mateen) North East Delhi-110053.	9350555618	jamiaislamia.delhi@gmail.com
50.	Nai Umang Nai Soch Society, Mohd. Asif(President) E-49/A-379, Gali No.6, Janta Mazdoor Colony, Welcome Seelampur, Delhi-110053.	9136646835 9599026835	Nuns.ngo@gmail.com

Sr.	Name & Address of the NGO	Contact No.	Email Address
51.	Right Way Smt. Anis Fatima(President) Plot no. 5, D Block Gali no. 9/50, Issa Chowk Near Amina Masjid, Village Wazirabad, Delhi-84.	9818169376 9999224124	Rightwayorg@hotmail.com
52.	Livelihood Initiatives for Empowerment, Smt. Chitra Iyer, Director B-606 Satyam Apartment, Plot No.5, Sector-18 A Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.	9811174320	info@lifeindia.co
53.	Kriti Foundation, Plot No.251, Block B, Sector-19, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075	011-28041286, 9810271122	kritifoundation@gmail.com
54.	KDS Kerala Development Society, Sh. Jacob Johan ,Director 811-A, T.C.Jaina Tower-I, Janakpuri District Center, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058.	9811204487 9818780833	kdsnrlg@yahoo.in
55.	Ujjwal Mahila Vikas Society, Smt. Jahanaara, President B-14, Gali No. 2, near peelee khoti, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096.	9810162248 9899646393	jahanaarasaifi@gmail.com
56.	International Awakening Centre Sh. Majaz Mungeri(Chairman) 110-G, Pocket-A/3, Mayur Vihar Phase-III, Delhi-110096.	9718854126 8800914190	
57.	Disha for Disables & Research Society Regd. Ms. Mitashi Chakrbarty(President) 339/B-4, Prayatan Vihar, Vasundra Enclave, Delhi-110096.	8860013483 9540789300	rdishangowithu@gmail.com
58.	Jain Utthan Sangh, Smt. Satya Prabha , President Flat No.1537, Sector-A, Pkt.-3, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070.	9810161339 011-23074115	satyaprabha_januttansangh@yahoo.com
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## FACT-FINDING COMMITTEES

### FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE TO PROBE PALWAL ISSUE

Allegations were made in media about the alleged “foreign funding” by ISI/Lashkar for the construction of a mosque in Attawar village of district Palwal, Haryana, and that the said under-construction mosque was to be used as a “training centre for ISI agents.” Some people, including a resident of Hazrat Nizamuddin area of Delhi, were arrested for the same while even local Hindus said that there was no truth in the allegations and that Muslims built the mosque with their own donations. These allegations were being published in media at the behest of agencies which in the past proved to be implicating innocents. To probe these allegations, Delhi Minorities Commission constituted a committee on 19 October, 2018.

The committee was headed by the known human rights activist Ovais Sultan Khan, a member of DMC’s advisory committee, Sardar Gurmindar Singh Matharu, member of Sikh Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee Amritsar, and the well-known advocate and human rights worker Abu Bakr Sabbaq and A.C. Michael, a former member of Delhi Minorities Commission. The committee toured the area, talked to police, administration, officials of the local panchayat, people of the area and members of the affected families in Palwal and Delhi, in order to reach to the bottom of the issue.

The committee presented its report (Fact Finding Report To Investigate an Alleged Case of Terror Funding of Khulafa-e-

Rashideen Masjid at Uttawar village in Palwal, October 2018) to the Commission on 28 October 2018. After its study and approval, the same was presented to the media in a press conference held at the

Commission’s conference room on 31 October in the presence of all members of the committee as well as DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan and DMC Member Sardar Kartar Singh Kochhar. During the press conference, the Commission distributed copies of the key observations of the report in English, Hindi and Urdu languages while the complete report was uploaded on the Internet.

During the press conference, the committee coordinator Ovais Sultan Khan offered a summary of the report



saying that this is the first instance in which a mosque has been named to have a connection with terrorists or that terror funds have been used to build it. He said that people of 84 villages in the area came together to build this mosque. Having a capacity of 16,000 people, the construction of this mosque was started in 2009 and it is still incomplete as of now. He said this mosque should have served as an example of Hindu-Muslim amity because the mosque is built on *shamlati* land which is the collective property of all villagers, Hindus and Muslims who all agreed to donate the land for the mosque. The total area of the land is ten acres out of which eight was given by the villagers for the mosque and two acres were given for a hospital and old-age people's home.

### **Releasing Palwal report during press conference on 31 October 2018**



*Ovais Sultan Khan (second from right) presenting the report to the media.*

*Others on the dais (from left to right): Sardar Gurminder Singh Matharu, A.C. Michael, Kartar Singh Kochhar, Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan and Adv. Abu Bakr Sabbaq*

The land is situated on a main road and is partly occupied by some people. The front area is enough to build 200 shops and the price of each shop would be 20 lakh rupees. Villagers and NIA people say that someone has complained to the "Ministry" and the Ministry forwarded the complaint to the NIA. NIA on its website or press releases has not claimed that terror funds have been used to build this mosque, yet some newspapers published reports quoting NIA sources that terror funds have been used to build this mosque. The committee did not find any trace of evidence to point that terror or foreign funds have been used to build this mosque. Police and local people told the committee that locally there is no such complaint.

Ovais Sultan Khan further said that Lashkar Toiba and its Falahe Insaniyat trust are Salafi organisations while the mosque belongs to the Tablighi Jamaat people. The thinking and approach of both these groups are totally different; hence it is unthinkable that there would be any cooperation between the two groups.

Ovais Sultan Khan further said that NIA has not spoken to anyone in the village or to those connected with the mosque. Moreover, NIA has confiscated the mosque records without preparing a seizure report or giving a receipt. They did the same in the house of the arrested accused Muhammad Salman when they raided his house in Hazrat Nizamuddin in Delhi. They kept Muhammad Salman two days in custody before presenting him to a magistrate while legally they had to present an arrested person to a magistrate within 24 hours.

Ovais Sultan Khan added that there is a mismatch in the press releases and FIR filed by NIA. He said this whole matter aims at targeting a community and is based on the conspiracy of some people in the village itself. Khan said there is an attempt to inculcate inferiority complex in common people that they cannot on their own build a mosque or mandir and if such a structure is being built, it must be having funding from other sources. He said when the building of the mosque started, every village household donated one thousand rupees for its.

Ovais Sultan Khan further said that the DSP and SHO of the area told the committee that there is no complaint with them against the mosque and even NIA has not given them any such information. The Muslim *sarpanch* (headman) of the village said that his 80-year-old mother wants to visit Pakistan or at least talk to her relatives there over the phone. “But we do not contact our relatives there even by phone,” he added.

Lawyer and human rights activist Abu Bakr Sabbaq said that instances keep coming to us where cases are registered due to personal disputes or because of an attempt by police to extort money from innocent people. In the current case, NIA has not claimed something or denied it. The mosque in question is a centre of the Tablighi Jamaat in the area. The current and former sarpanches of the village told us that this is a property dispute. Someone has complained, which is the reason why things reached to this level. Sabbaq further said that, legally, whenever anything is seized, a seizure memo is prepared and photocopies are taken by the police while the original documents are left with the accused. We came to know that the whole mosque committee used to move around to collect donations from villagers. According to the villagers, the father of the accused Muhammad Salman was attached to Maulana Ilyas of Tablighi Jamaat since 1922. Muhammad Salman himself donated to the mosque fund around 22-24 lakh rupees by selling his land in the village. DSP and others told us that everyone here donates for mosques, mandirs and gurudwaras and no accounts are kept for the same. Police told us that they have received no complaint against this mosque, said Sabbaq.

A.C. Michael said that RSS received most funds in India from abroad despite the fact that it is not a registered body. It is the duty of the government to investigate sources of any such fund. Both the press releases of NIA do not mention that foreign funds have come for the mosque. Then how journalists came to know this? Do they have direct link with Hafiz Saeed? Receiving foreign funds *per se* is not a crime, he said.

Sardar Gurminder Singh Matharu, member of Shiromani Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee, said that we found nothing suggesting that foreign funds came for the mosque. There is no entry for 70 lakh rupees in the mosque’s register. The land is collective, Shamlati, and both Hindus and Muslims have donated for the mosque. The truth is different. The whole matter should be probed properly. We are not against the media but it should not publish one-sided stories.

## **Observations of the fact-finding committee on Palwal mosque**

Following are the conclusions of the fact-finding committee:

1. Committee did not come across any evidence to state that the terror-funding was received for the construction of the Khulafa-e-Rashideen Masjid.
2. Committee found during interaction with local people, including all religious and caste groups, they themselves have contributed and raised funds for building of the Khulafa-e-Rashideen Masjid.
3. Khulafa-e-Rashideen Masjid's name is dragged because of the internal property dispute.
4. The local Hindus and Muslims have together donated the total 10 acres land for Masjid and Madarsa (8 acre), Government Hospital and Old-age Home (2 acre) from their Shamaati property (collective land).
5. Khulafa-e-Rashideen Masjid is of Tablighi Jamaat. Whereas, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Falah-e-Insaniyat Foundation (FIF) belong to Salafi School of thought. These two does not agree with each other's teachings and practices. Therefore, there is no question of collaboration between them.
6. Harvindar Yadav (NIA officer) told the family of Mohammad Salman that somebody complained against Mohammad Salman in the Ministry, which was referred to NIA.
7. The complaint, FIR, and arrest dates do not match the order of incidents.
8. Mohammad Salman was in illegal NIA detention on 25-26 September 2018. He was produced before the NIA Special Court at Patiala House District Court on 27 September 2018.
9. NIA allegation of Rs. 70 lakh received from overseas was found to be untrue.
10. NIA seized all original receipts, records, registers and diaries along with a hard disk and pen drive from Mohammad Salman's home but not prepared any seizure memo at spot at the time of seizure. Neither provided copy of the records.
11. NIA Team raided Khulafa-e-Rashideen Masjid, but it had not recorded the statement of any villagers and members of Masjid Committee.
12. NIA also seized all original receipts, records and registers from Khulafa-e-Rashideen Masjid Committee, but not prepared any seizure memo at the time of seizure. Neither provided any receipt.
13. There are many serious procedural lapses by NIA.
14. The name and details of the case are not available at the NIA website.
15. Two Press Releases (dated 26 September 2018 and 12 October 2018) issued by NIA do not mention Khulafa-e-Rashideen Masjid or its construction by terror-funding.

Copies of the report were sent by the Commission to various government departments including the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Union Home Ministry but no feedback was received from them.

*The full report (Fact Finding Report to Investigate an Alleged Case of Terror Funding of Khulafa-e-Rashideen Masjid at Uttawar village in Palwal, October 2018) may be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/DMC-palwal-2018>*

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Colloquium on Muslim-Christian relations

Delhi Minorities Commission held a seminar on 29 March, 2019 on Muslim-Christian relations in cooperation with the Islamic Studies Association of Vidya Jyoti College. Religious leaders, scholars, intellectuals and mediapersons from both the Muslim and Christian communities participated. The seminar started with a one-minute silence in prayer and remembrance of the martyrs of the terrorist attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.



*Participants in the Muslim-Christian dialogue at DMC (third from left is Prof. Akhtarul Wasey)*

Inaugurating the seminar, DMC Chairman Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan said that the Holy Quran holds Jesus Christ and his mother Mary in highest esteem and describes Jesus as the "Word of God". He said Muslim-Christian relations were excellent during the first few centuries after the advent of Islam. In fact, the first two migrations of Mecca's persecuted Muslims were to Abyssinia ruled by a Christian king. And this is the reason why even in their heyday Muslims never attempted to conquer Abyssinia. Dr. Khan said Crusades and the colonial onslaught caused huge damage to Muslim societies but still Christians remained safe and protected in Muslim lands so much so that an ordinary Christian in Muslim societies is more well-placed than an ordinary Muslim. He said it is a testimony of Muslim tolerance that seats of four churches are based in the Muslim world, *viz.*, Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria & All Africa, seated in Cairo; Syriac Orthodox Church, seated in Damascus; Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, seated in Istanbul and the Syriac Maronite Church of Antioch based in Bkerké, Lebanon.

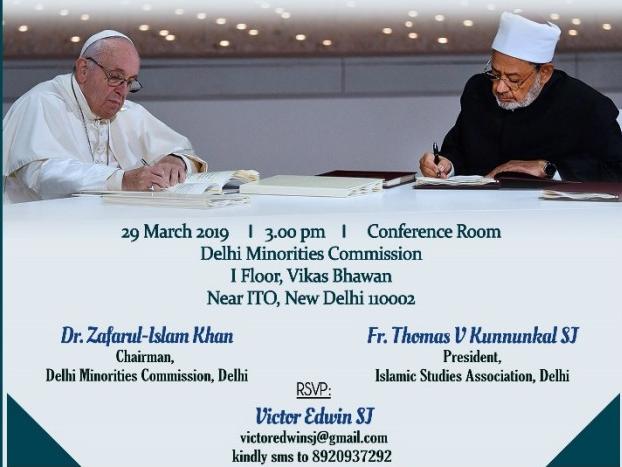
Dr. Khan said the immediate reason for holding this seminar is the joint document on "Human fraternity for world peace and living together" signed last February in Dubai by the leader of the Catholic Church Pope Francis and the Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar Dr. Ahmad Al-Tayeb, who is the highest authority in Sunni Islam. He said although this document is about establishing good Muslim-Christian relations but, in fact, it can become a good basis of friendly relations between all religions.

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*The invitation card for the DMC  
Muslim-Christian Dialogue*

sisters. He says the real demilitarization will take place when hearts are demilitarized because God is with those who seek peace.

Prof. Shareena Bano of Jamia Millia Islamia said that the Al-Azhar-Vatican document should be used to educate the masses. She said, we think separately and still believe that unity will be achieved. If we want unity, we must think together. Textbooks of schools should be prepared on this basis. Prof. Bano advocated that we must benefit from the educational experiment of Finland.

Thinker Basit Jamal, who popularises Islamic ideals through telling stories in schools, said that if there are people who want amity in society, there are others who do not want friendship to flourish in society. He refuted the idea that Muslims do not want good relations with others and referred to *Sura Al-Mumtahina* (60: 9) of the Quran where Allah exhorts Muslims to hold good relations with those non-Muslims who do not fight and persecute Muslims. He mentioned the document preserved in Sinai's St. Catherine Church in which Prophet Muhammad has ordered Muslims to treat Christians well.

Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, Vice Chancellor of Maulana Azad University of Jodhpur, said the joint statement of the Vatican and Al-Azhar is an important landmark for better Muslim-Christian relations which nobody can disagree with. He said other religions should also be joined in this endeavour, especially in India where many religious traditions live together, so much so that

Moderating the seminar, Laxmi Menon, India director of Unity Earth, shed light on Muslim-Christian relations in recent times and how they have vacillated between good and bad. She mentioned in particular how St. Francis of Assisi crossed the Crusaders' lines to meet the Egyptian Sultan, Malik al-Kamil, in 1219 AD which paved a new beginning of good Muslim-Christian relations despite the bitterness of the Crusades.

Prof. Poulose Mangai of Vidya Jyoti College shed light on past Muslim-Christian dialogues. He said the Catholic Church was not interested in developing relationships with other religions but this changed in 1962 when the Vatican established a department to improve relations and understanding with other faiths. Dialogues started as a result. This policy has received impetus since Pope Francis took over the reins of the Catholic Church in 2013. Pope Francis believes that religion is a strong force to change the world. He is the first Catholic head to visit the Arabian peninsula. It was during this visit last February that the Pope signed a joint document alongwith Al-Azhar's Grand Sheikh to work for better relations between Muslims and Christians. Prof. Mangai said we honour God only when we honour His children. Pope Francis says the real education is that you should know your brothers and

Jewish, Syrian Orthodox and Islamic traditions arrived here very early and became a part of the Indian fabric.

Prof. Akhtarul Wasey said Allah has ordained religions plurality for us, otherwise He could have made us all follow one single

faith. Why we should bother for something which

Allah did not do? He said, Allah did not send His Prophet to convert people by force but only to convey His message. Allah has decided for all time to come that there will be no coercion in matters of religion, when he said, "For you, your religion; for me, mine" (Quran, 109: 6). He said, differences are found not only between religions but there are differences even within every religion, therefore there should be inner democracy within each religion. He said, we should organize a front against all philosophies which are inimical to religion, whether they are based on hate, ignorance or terrorism. He said, in the coming years the Indian model will guide the world because here we have been living together amicably since thousands of years. We should enlarge our circle. Here, there is no minority or majority. Everyone is free to worship as he or she wishes but there is no freedom to hate others.



*Muslim-Christian dialogue 29-3-2019, Laxmi Menon speaking*



*Muslim-Christian dialogue, 29-3-2019*

Prof. Khurshid Alam of Delhi University said the Al-Azhar-Vatican document is complete in every sense and it covers all religions. The contents of the document have come out of heart. It considers all equal; none is minority or majority. Prof. Alam demanded a new Platonic doctrine which would say that God exists everywhere and all humans should cooperate with each other. She said the venom found in the minds of professors does not exist among the masses.

Dr. Syed Jamaluddin of the Institute of Objective Studies and a former professor of Jamia Millia Islamia, said that the decline of *tasawwuf* (mysticism) resulted in the decline of human values. We should live as a spiritual family and for this, purification of the soul is necessary.

Iqbal Mulla, a leader of Jamaate Islami Hind, said the Al-Azhar-Vatican document is based on humanity which is very much required in the current circumstances of our country and the world. These ideas should percolate to the masses and to the youth in particular. There should be a loose federation of people sharing these ideas because some people in positions of power have different thoughts. He said an atmosphere has been created by claiming that all evils emanate from religion while the reality is that evils are a result of the misuse of religion. He narrated an incident from the life of the great Islamic scholar, late Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi, who was once told that even bearded people have started stealing; he said: no, say that even thieves have grown beards.

Secretary of the Islamic Fiqh Academy, Amin Usmani, said that the Al-Azhar-Vatican document is a comprehensive statement prepared by the leaders of two great religions. Muslim organization should support it. He mentioned that Dr. Ahmad Al-Raisouni, President of the World Association of Islamic Scholars, has already supported this document.

At the end of the colloquium, DMC Chairman Dr. Khan announced that the Commission will hold a conference to which leaders of all major faiths will be invited to discuss the Al-Azhar-Vatican document and to disseminate its message which applies to all faiths.

## **Meeting on Palestine solidarity**

A meeting of Christian and Muslim activists working in various parts of India to support the Palestinian cause was held on 30 April 2019 in the conference room of the Delhi Minorities Commission. It was attended by individuals and NGOs working for Palestine in India. It included, in particular, a number of Christian organisations which support Palestine. Activists from Delhi, Nagpur, Varanasi, Mumbai, Goa and Chennai etc participated. The meeting was held at the initiative of Dr Vincent Manoharan, National Convener of Dalit Christian Watch. The main speaker was Ranjan Solomon of Goa who has spent a number of years in Israel/Palestine which opened his eyes about the historical injustice meted out to the Palestinians by Zionist Jews and their Zionist Christian supporters in the West.

Dr Vincent Manoharan said the purpose of the meeting is to observe Apartheid Week, support BDS movement in India including support to Kairos Palestine, to commemorate the Nakba day on 15 May and to create a platform in India to support the Palestinian struggle.

Chairman of DMC, Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan opened the discussion offering a birds-eye-view of the Palestinian issue, how Jewish settler-colonialists from around the world, helped by Britain, stole the Palestinian land and expelled around 60 percent of its population in May 1948. Today these refugees are found in umpteen refugee camps in the countries bordering Israel. Dr Khan

said, it was hoped after Oslo Accords of 1992-93 that the Palestinian issue will be solved but this did not happen because the naïve Palestinian leaders agreed to Oslo Accords without ensuring the settlement of key issues like the refugees, Jerusalem, the proposed Palestinian state's borders and control of its natural resources. As a result, the Zionists were able post-Oslo to steal more land, build more illegal settlements and persecute the Palestinians more than ever before. Today, the Palestinian issue has entered a new dangerous tunnel with the US under Donald Trump supporting Israel blindly, transferring the US embassy to occupied Jerusalem and pressurizing the Palestinians to accept a dubious plan called "Deal of the Century" under which the Americans will make some Gulf countries donate lavish funds to the Palestine Authority while Egypt will give away a chunk of Sinai desert to "Palestine," after which the Palestinian issue will be declared "solved". The American President has also gifted the occupied Syrian Golan Heights to the Israelis.



*The meeting on Palestine, Asir Abneser (General Secy, Ntl. Council of Churches in India) speaking*

Ranjan Solomon, a core member of Kairos Palestine, said recent elections in Israel were most catastrophic for the Palestinians. President of the US and his son-in-law think that Palestine is an issue of real estate. Under the new right-wing dispensation, Nakba is going to be re-enforced. That is why the Palestinians are pressing for a world coalition to protect them. Israelis have given oil rights in the occupied Golan Heights to the company of Dick Cheney. Netanyahu is facing very serious corruption charges. He went to elections as head of the 'rightist groups' but in Israel even liberals are right-wing. Netanyahu fought the elections on the promise of a Nation-State law which says that only Jews have right to the land in Israel/Palestine. When Israel says we are going to take more land, it means they are going to expel more Palestinians. Zionists live on a diet of hate. They want to annex West Bank and Gaza, yet the world watches hopelessly. Policies of Netanyahu will throw the whole region into chaos. Europe only

condemns these crimes. They are still suffering from the guilt of what Nazis did to Jews. There will be no serious punishment to the Israelis for whatever they do to the Palestinians. But it will not be a cake-walk for the Israelis to annex Palestinian areas. They cannot do it without formalising apartheid like South Africa did. It is a big question: under a system of apartheid how will Israel rule the Palestinian territories. Palestinians refer to their struggle as “*sumud*” meaning they will resist. A single democratic state for all Jews and Palestinians is the solution, Ranjan said.

Rev. Asir Ebeneezer, General Secretary, National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), said the challenge for the Church is to address Christian Zionists. We have to tell them to look at it theologically to make them realize that the history they teach is that of the hunters, not of the land. It is a huge task to break the link between Zionists and Christians. Christians going to the Holy Land see it from the Israeli perspective. We have to tell them to look at it from a Palestinian perspective. We have to break Christian Zionism, break the support of Israel in India and strengthen the Palestinian economy by going and staying in their areas when we go to the Holy Land.

Dr. Rafiullah Azmi of the Centre for West Asian Studies at Jamia Millia Islamia, said Israel is behaving as it does mainly due to the blind American support. Christian Zionists are more Zionists than Jewish Zionists. Zionism is based on some myths like “land without people for people without land” and “Promised Land.” He said, Israel was created by design. It is an exception, it pretends to be democratic but it is racist in nature. It has perennial security concerns and owns hundreds of nuclear bombs but no one talks this. He added that Oslo was a process without peace. The main actors supporting Israel today are Trump, Kushner, MBS and Muhammad bin Zayed. Saudis may be doing it because of the pressure after 9/11 in which 15 Saudis were involved. Modi is not alone to be blamed for having close relations with Israel, even the earlier Congress government had same policies.

Lenin Raghuvanshi, an activist based in Varanasi, said young Israelis come in their droves to Varanasi after their military training in Israel and interact with RSS.

Franklin Caesar, a Supreme Court advocate and champion of Dalit-Christian causes, said Brahminist hegemony is the problem and both BJP and Congress support it. He said Brahmins supported Hitler and now they claim that they support Jews.

Ramesh of the National Dalit Movement said that support of Dalits to the Palestinians started with the Durban Conference Against Racism in 2001. We in India see that Dalits face same fate as Palestinians. He added that here in every village there is an Israel and a Palestine. Dalit girls are raped at will. Non-Dalits are targeting Dalit women to suppress the Dalit movement. We do not want a separate state but we demand equal treatment, justice, dignity and human rights. Palestinians too should have their natural and legal rights.

Pandian, who works on Dalit human rights issues, said we have to keep reminding ourselves and others of what is taking place around us. There is genocide in Sri Lanka, in Tamil Nadu, in J&K and yet all are silent. We have to go out of the room and tell the world. There should be mass mobilisation. Millions of people do not know anything about Palestine.

Dr. Selvaraj Arulnathan of the Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, said there are two racist ideologies in the world today - Zionism and Hindutva. It is a question to be asked and replied: why India moved from supporting PLO to supporting Israel? He said, we have to rewrite our

theology to get the real perspective of what is going on in Palestine. What is the role of Muslim countries in what is happening there, he asked, adding that Indian policies regarding Israel/Palestine will remain same if Hindutva remains at the helm of Indian politics for the next 15 years.

Dr. Richard Devadass, Dalit rights activist, said I have been taught in church sermons that Israel is the blessed land, that Jews are the Chosen People of God, that if you touch Israel, you touch the eye of God. This is all false. We have to reach out to our communities to teach them the truth. Our people can understand Dalit and Adivasi issues but they know nothing about the Palestinians. We have also to reach out to the pastors. We need to go to colleges and universities to tell them the truth. This is necessary because newspapers do not write the truth about the Palestinian issues.

Nida Arif, a research scholar in Delhi University, said settler-colonialism in Palestine attracted me to study it. Settler-colonialism was taking roots in Palestine at a time when colonies were fast disappearing. An unnatural entity is flourishing in the heart of the Arab World. Landlessness of the Palestinians is the biggest problem from which other problems emanate. It is a question of narratives.

Asutosh Singh, a doctoral scholar in JNU, said Zionists have used media and academia to spread their message. Kumaraswamy in JNU tried to show that Gandhi was a supporter of Zionism. Universities are the best place to start with. Palestine should not be looked as a Muslim issue.

Aaliya Khan, a research scholar in Jamia Millia Islamia, said Oslo and the Intifada post-Oslo did not solve the main concerns of the Palestinians. Oslo II in fact gave Israel more powers. In the wake of Oslo, 10 per cent of the land left with the Palestinians has gone to the Israeli hands. There is water apartheid in Palestine where Israelis can enjoy Palestinian waters while Palestinians themselves have restriction on the use of their own water. The Palestinian economy is in a very bad shape because all access points to the Palestinian territories are controlled by Israel.

Dr Abdul Majid Qazi, Professor Arabic in Jamia Millia Islamia, said that the main Nakba occurred in May 1948 but many Nakbas followed thereafter for the Palestinians. Here in India in 1990 there were one thousand Palestinian students at Aligarh Muslim University alone but Indian policies later changed drastically forcing the Palestinian students to leave India *en masse*. Now there is no Palestinian student even in Jamia Millia. He said, despite problems, Palestinians are now on the top of education and literature in the Middle East.



*An intervention during the meeting on Palestine-meet 30-4-2019*

Gauhar Iqbal of the Indopal Foundation, which was established four years ago as a forum to support the Palestinians, said that they have been welcoming Palestinian delegations of various streams like diplomats, politicians and academicians who interact with their counterparts in India. Representatives of Indopal Foundation have been participating in conferences held by Palestinians in places like Beirut and Istanbul. He said that the Israeli embassy is working hard on Indian campuses.

Apoorva, BDS coordinator in South Asia said that Israel enjoys a lot of impunity here. Israel wants to show off India as an ally. Indian film industry too is working for Israel which offers them locations in Israel to shoot.

The meeting decided to hold programmes on 15 May in various Indian cities like Delhi, Goa, Chennai, Varanasi, Nagpur, Aligarh, Malappuram, Srinagar etc in cooperation with Indopal Foundation and United Against Hate. The meeting resolved to set up an umbrella organization, Indian National Alliance for Palestine, so that all NGOs and individuals working for Palestine could unite and work under its banner.



*Some participants in the meeting on Palestine*

## A GLIMPSE OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION DURING 2018-19

The current Commission received or registered *suo motu*, a total of 157 cases from 1 July, 2018 to 30 June, 2019. This does not represent the actual number of cases as many cases of similar nature were placed in a single file like Urdu/Punjabi teachers issues, assessment of government schemes, awareness camps, scholarships etc., while some complaints were dealt directly by the Chairman and Members to solve matter amicably before a case was registered. In most cases this strategy, which lightened the burden of the Commission, paid results.

During the period covered by the current Annual Report, the Commission opened 157 complaint files which may be classified as follows:

1.	Dept. of Health and Family Welfare	2
2.	Comptroller & Auditor General	1
3.	Delhi Jal Board	2
4.	Delhi Police	67
5.	Banking	2
6.	Railways Department	1
7.	Delhi Development Authority	4
8.	Directorate of Education	19
9.	Revenue Department	4
10.	Delhi University/JNU	4
11.	Dept. for Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Min.	5
12.	Municipal Corporation Delhi	17
13.	Tihar Prison	3
14.	Delhi Waqf Board	8
15.	Delhi Metro Rail Corporation	1
16.	Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board	2
17.	Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee	5
18.	Social Welfare Dept.	1
19.	Miscl.	9

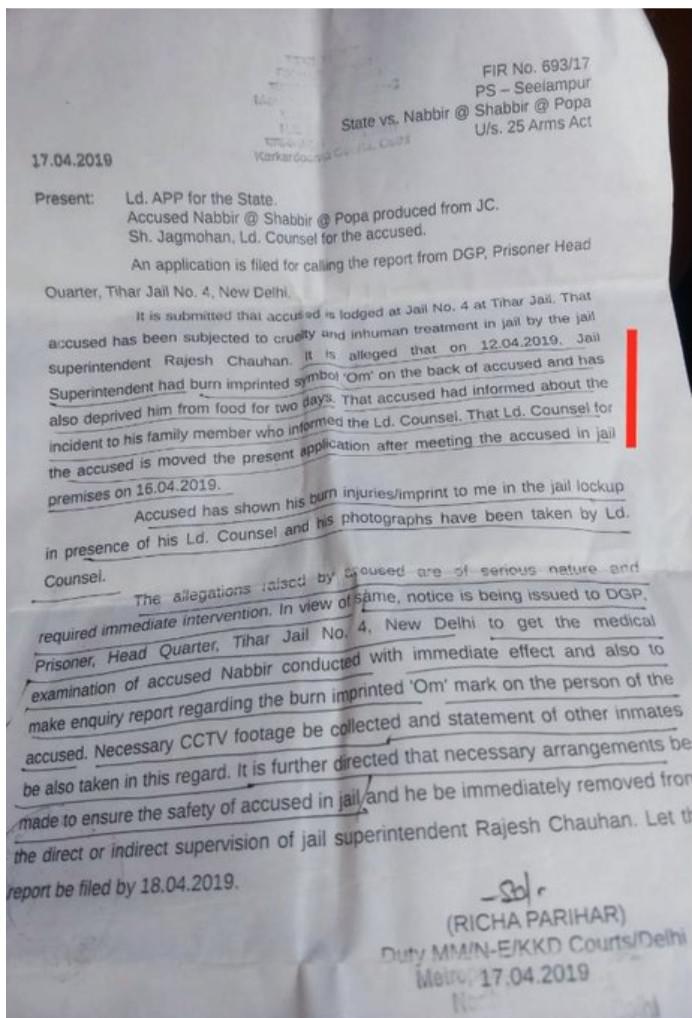
## SOME IMPORTANT COMPLAINTS/PETITIONS

During the period under review, the Commission dealt with a variety of cases. Details only some important ones of larger ramifications are given below.

### COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE

As in the previous year, a majority of complaints received by the Commission were by citizens about the behaviour of Delhi Police, its misuse of powers and refusal to file cases and register FIRs or reluctance to act upon FIRs once same was registered. Delhi Police is also the only government department which did not take DMC notices seriously and required much prodding before results were obtained.

**Notice to Tihar Jail over branding of Muslim prisoner:** DMC took *suo motu* cognisance of press reports about the branding of a Muslim prisoner in Tihar Jail No.4 (later shifted to Jail No.1) and advised the jail authorities to take extra care about the prisoners in their care and custody and resist from posting communal-minded persons in duties where they come in direct contact with such prisoners. Jails are for correction and education, not for humiliation and exacting revenge. (9 May, 2019). Law Officer of Tihar Prison HQ informed the Commission that the matter was enquired into by the DIG (P) and “the findings as revealed indicate that brandishing of Om mark on the back of a Muslim inmate is clearly self-inflicted in connivance with other inmates and no negligence/malafide of the Jail Superintendent is establishing.” Director General of Tihar Prisons and the DIG (P) who conducted the enquiry also visited the Commission and reiterated the above.



Photos source: News18.com (19 April, 2019)

**Prevention of forceful takeover of school space:** SHO Shaheen Bagh in South Delhi tried to forcibly occupy the ground floor of Shaheen Bagh Public School on 7 June, 2019. He went away after warning the school staff that if he does not find all rooms of the ground floor vacated on Thursday morning, he will throw out all stuff and forcibly occupy the rooms for election duty. The said institution is a private and unaided school. On receiving a complaint, Chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission issued an order to DCP South East staying the SHO's attempt

to forcibly occupy the school rooms and said that the Police should be content with whatever space the said school is willingly ready to provide. The DMC order further reminded the Police that there are a number of government schools in the area where the intended election work may take place. DMC order said the SHO will be personally accountable if any damage occurs to the said school's property as a result of its forcible occupation. Moreover, a case will be registered against the said SHO if he goes ahead. As a result of this intervention, Shaheen Bagh PS refrained from translating its threat and accepted what was being offered willingly by the school (8-6-2019).

**Police officer censured for misbehaving with a citizen:** A resident of Shahdra registered a complaint with the Delhi Minorities Commission that Delhi Police Inspector Keshav Kumar misbehaved with him. This officer did not file a reply to the notices issued by the Commission and failed to attend the hearings called by the Commission to probe the complaint. Taking a serious view of this disobedience of a statutory body, the Commission wrote to his higher authorities to take action against him. As a result, a show-cause notice was served on him. The authorities did not find his reply satisfactory and issued censure order against him. The officer was given one month's time to appeal against the censure (1-10-18).

**Police officers who insulted senior leader punished:** In October 2017, when Tanvir Ahmad, a senior BJP leader and a former Haj Committee India Chairman, arrived at a Ramlila venue in Delhi, he was abused, insulted and not allowed to participate in the event where he was invited by the organisers as a chief guest. Two police officers were part of this misconduct. When no action was taken on the organiser's complaint, Delhi Minorities Commission Chairman wrote to the Delhi Police Commissioner and when still no action was taken, he wrote to the Lt. Governor after which action was taken against two police officers. A show-cause notice was served on Ajmer Singh, SHO of Keshavpuram, while Inspector Surajpal, who was present on the scene, was transferred to the district lines. But no action was taken against one Kanhaiya and his mother Sushila who actually started the ruckus and their names are mentioned in the complaint filed by the organisers of the event at Keshavpuram police station. DMC Chairman again wrote to the Police Commissioner for action against the duo who started the ruckus in the first place (11-7-2018).

**Notice to Delhi Police over lynching of 16-year-old Raziq:** DMC issued a notice to the DCP North West over the lynching of a 16-year-old student called Abdur Raziq in Mukundpur village on 4 September, 2018. The DCP was asked to probe and furnish report if the killers have been arrested; if arrested, what charges have been levelled against them and if FIR has been registered (6-9-18). DCP Outer North Distt informed the Commission that enquiry revealed that the boy had entered a house for theft purpose. He was caught by residents of the house and beaten with blows and stick. Then the boy was taken to the *gali* [lane] and further beaten by neighbours present with belt and blows leading to his death. A case was registered u/s 304/201/34 IPC. Nand Kishore, Raj Kishore and Triveni were arrested and put in judicial custody (3-10-2018 / 27-5-2019).

**Notice to DCP South District over lynching of madrasa student:** DMC took *suo motu* notice of the lynching of 8-year-old Mohammad Azim, a student of Jamia Faridia, Masjid Sari Shahji, Begumpur, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi 110 017, who was brutally killed by some youth of the area, allegedly at the behest of some elders of the area. The notice said that the Commission has made enquiries and it came to its knowledge that trouble erupts at this place

regularly and that drug addicts and liquor consumers descent on the area in the night annoying the madrasa students and leave behind liquor bottles and other trash. People of the adjacent jhuggies, built on waqf/qabristan land some three decades ago, are trying to encroach upon the madrasa land and have pulled down its boundary wall and are using it as thoroughfare causing unnecessary friction. This is the third lynching incident in Delhi in recent months and the most gruesome since a child has been killed by children. DCP was also ordered to help the madrasa authorities by deploying police force if necessary, to repair the boundary wall separating the madrasa from the jhuggies so that the source of friction is effectively tackled and no such cases occur in future(26 October, 2018). DCP South Distt informed the Commission that a case vide FIR no. 352/18 u/s 302/34 IPC dated 25-10-18 was registered at Malviya Nagar police station. During the course of investigation, all CCLs involved in the crime were apprehended and sent to Juvenile Home. Later, all of them got bail from Juvenile Justice Board (15-10-19).

**DMC issues notice against distribution of trishuls:** An outfit styled as “Hindu United Front” openly distributed 371 trishuls on Gokalpur Nahar Road in East Delhi on 14th July. Earlier, on 1<sup>st</sup> July it had distributed 251 trishuls in Sonia Vihar area. This outfit, which operates from B-437 Mukhya Chowk, Shahdra, is planning to distribute one lakh trishuls in the near future. All this activity takes place in the open on public land amid hate-filled speeches promoting hate and violence in society. Delhi Minorities Commission issued a notice to DCP Shahdra to enquire about this activity, take legal action and file a report with the Commission (7-7-2018). North-East DCP said in his reply dated 5-10-18 about the distribution of trishuls in Sonia Vihar and Gokalpur Nahar Road that “small size trishuls/mementos were distributed among some youths and it were symbolic in nature.... No violation of any law/rule was noticed.” DMC wrote back to him that it finds “this reply very awkward since such shows of force are not symbolic and trishuls being distributed by certain outfits are not “mementos”. They are weapons which are used to intimidate and attack people. No such show of force on public land or roads or parks etc should be allowed and no public distribution of trishuls should be tolerated in any way. The Commission further directed the DCP to convey these directions to the lower cadres and send compliance report to the Commission (18 October, 2018).

United Hindu Front trishul distribution,  
15 July 2018





**Notice to Police and Dir. Education over death of young child by drowning:** Mohammad Anis, a student of class 3 in Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin's Partibha Vidyalaya, entered his classroom at 7: 30 am on 9<sup>th</sup> July, only to be turned away by his class teacher because he was not wearing his uniform. When the child failed to reach home in the afternoon, his mother, working as a maid in local houses, went about frantically searching for him. She was told in the school that the child did not report to school that day. Thereafter, she went about searching in the whole locality. After some time she found his school bag, then at a distance she found his clothes and finally she traced his body in the basti's baoli. Police soon came to

the spot and took the body to the trauma centre at AIIMS where the post-mortem report said the child had died due to drowning. After this, the police surrendered the body to the mother but did not register an FIR. Next day the mother went to the school again to enquire about what had happened. School authorities repeated the previous day's story but a child named Ayan told her that the class teacher had turned the child away because he was not wearing school uniform after which he had left. School authorities claimed that their CCTV was not working on that day but the CCTV of a nearby building showed the child leaving the school at 8 am that morning. The mother went to the Nizamuddin police station but her complaint was not registered. Later, a good Samaritan approached Delhi Minorities Commission on behalf of the mother. DMC at once issued notices to the DCP South and Director of Education, SDMC, to enquire into the matter, pinpoint the responsibility, register an FIR and file a report with the Commission (7-7-2018).

**Appreciation of police:** Chairman DMC wrote the following letter of appreciation on 9 May, 2019 to Shri Devender Kumar Singh, SHO, Kashmiri Gate Police Station, Kashmiri Gate, Delhi-110006: "Dear Devender Ji, I am pleased to read in newspapers that your police station has been adjudged as the best in Delhi. I congratulate you and your team and hope that other police stations and officers will be inspired by the humane face you have been able to offer about our police force which should be a servant of the people, not master. Thanking you for your efforts. Yours Sincerely, Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan/Copy to Police Commissioner, Police Headquarters, ITO, New Delhi 110 002."

**Notice to Delhi University Registrar:** A report in *Delhi Pioneer* (11 July, 2018) and other newspapers said that Delhi University is going to start an MA course in political science on "Islam and international relations" under which "Islam and transnational terrorism" will be taught. Delhi Minorities Commission has issued a sou motu notice to the Registrar of Delhi University asking him: has the university, while starting a course on "Islamic terrorism" deliberated that individuals and groups belonging to many religions have indulged in terrorism across the world in recent times. In such a situation, starting a course only on "Islamic terrorism" will send a wrong message to society, increase communal tension and help hate politics. DMC has asked the Registrar to send all information about this course, a list of the books which will be used to teach this course and if persons and groups belonging to other religions also will be studied under this course. It may be mentioned here that earlier Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) had planned to start a similar course but thanks to the swift intervention of DMC, JNU backtracked and its Registrar wrote to the Commission that no such course has been approved (22-7-2018).

**Notice to Delhi University Registrar over OBC Certificate:** It came to the knowledge of Delhi Minorities Commission that some Delhi University colleges are demanding *fresh* OBC certificates from OBC applicants holding valid certificates. These colleges are also forcing OBC students to sign an undertaking that they will produce a fresh OBC certificate within 15 days and that, if they fail, their admission may be cancelled. DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan immediately wrote to the Registrar of Delhi University asking him to alert colleges that this practice is illegal. But subsequent reports say that the demand of a fresh OBC certificate by some Delhi University colleges still continues. Now the Commission has issued a formal notice to the DU Registrar to reply (a) on what basis fresh OBC certificates are being demanded when OBC certificates have no expiry dates, (b) since when and on what basis the order to demand a fresh OBC certificate is being made. In an interim order, DMC has also ordered that no action should be taken against those who fail to submit a fresh OBC certificate and no admission of an OBC candidate may be cancelled while the hearing of this case continues (14-7-2018). Dy. Registrar (Academic) of DU replied on 28-11-2018 as follows:

- “(i) The OBC applicants were required to submit the OBC certificate as per DOPT Office Memorandum no. 36036/2/2013-Estt. (Res-I) dated 31st March 2016. Only the Non-Creamy Layer Certificate shall be for the financial year 2017-2018, in view of the office memorandum dated 13.09.2017 (no. 300331/1/2013-Estt. (Res.).
- “(ii) (a) No fresh OBC certificate was asked. Only fresh Non-Creamy Layer certificate was required as per office memorandum. (b) Valid OBC certificate was part of Admission process.
- “(iii). No action has been taken against any OBC applicant holding valid OBC certificate.”

*According to unofficial reports reaching DMC, around 15,000 OBC applicants for admission in various DU courses benefitted from this intervention by DMC as those holding valid OBC certificates were exempted from producing fresh OBC certificates.*

**Notice to Registrar DU re. demanding fresh OBC certificates from students holding valid OBC certificates:** The Dy. Registrar (Academic) of Delhi University has informed Delhi Minorities Commission that as per an office memorandum, OBC candidates for admission were asked to produce a certificate that they do not belong to the creamy layer but no action has been taken against any student bearing a valid OBC certificate. DMC had received complaints that DU is asking OBC applicants for admission to produce fresh OBC certificates although they held valid OBC certificates. The said requirement was waived after DMC issued a notice to DU leading to relief to around 15000 students who got admission in time saving a whole academic year.(6-1-19)

**Chairman DMC's letter to Registrar, Delhi University re. some colleges demanding fresh OBC certificates:** Last year at about this time we wrote to you that we are receiving complaints that certain colleges affiliated to Delhi University are asking applicants to produce *fresh* OBC certificates which was illegal and illogical since there is no expiry date for OBC certificates. After we wrote to you, the said requirement was waived. This year again we are receiving complaints that once again that OBC applicants to DU courses are being asked to produce *fresh* OBC certificates although they already have valid certificates. Instead of registering a case, I am writing to you to look into this matter urgently and direct the colleges affiliated to DU to desist from this unlawful demand. This is a matter of urgency since students may lose their seats if they fail to procure such certificates which take time as is known to all. I

am confident that you will take urgent notice of this matter and will not allow the matter to escalate. (24 June, 2019)

**Letter to District Magistrate Revenue (HQ) regarding OBC certificate of divorced mother's child:** The application of a divorced mother, seeking OBC certificate of her girl child, was rejected by the Seemapuri Tehsildar while the said mother herself has an OBC certificate, all members of her family have OBC certificates and the caste of her former husband was same as hers (as shown on their marriage documents). The applicant is a divorced mother. It is nigh impossible for her to persuade previous husband to come to the SDM office or corporate in this matter. It seems bizarre because single mothers are now legally allowed to be guardians of their minor children. You are required to take a principled decision in all such cases of single-mother applicants and also solve the problem of this mother who is unnecessarily suffering as a result of the denial of OBC certificate to her daughter (4 April, 2019).

**Action against Police officer:** Delhi Minorities Commission issued notices to Vipin Sharma, the then SHO of New Usmanpur, who as per the claim of a Jain citizen had insulted his religion. The said officer did not respond to DMC notices and failed to attend the hearing in the case. Taking a serious note of this behaviour, DMC wrote to DCP North East Distt. to start departmental disciplinary action against the said officer. Now DCP North-East has informed DMC that a show-cause notice has been issued to the said officer (22-7-18).

**Notice to Lady Shriram College over exclusion of Urdu:** Taking suo motu cognisance of press reports, Delhi Minorities Commission has issued a notice to the principal of Lady Shri Ram College asking her to reply why B.A. Urdu Programme has been dropped this year. Commission has also asked for details of the year-wise list of students in this course since its inception and how many Urdu teachers are engaged by the college at present (14-7-18). Principal, Lady Shri Ram College for Women replied explaining that it has not dropped the Urdu course and it arranges a guest teacher even if just one student opts for Urdu. The college also provided a chart of students opting for Urdu since the course was introduced and their numbers did not exceed seven in any year while in 2016 no student opted Urdu. In the year 2018. Only five students are reading Urdu in the college. After this explanation, the Commission wrote back to the College saying that the Commission has considered its reply and has concluded that there is no substance in the press report about dropping Urdu as a subject in BA Programme course in the college (5-8-2018).

**Urdu teachers in government schools:** The Commission wrote to Director of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi about a number of complaints received from Shri Manzar Ali, r/o B-314, Street no. 13/7, Subhash Vihar, Ghonda, Delhi 110053 regarding non-availability of Urdu teachers in govt. schools. These include: Class XI of GGSSS, Dayalpur, Delhi (ID: 1104026); Introduction of Urdu in all Pratibha Sections in GBSSS Dayalpur (ID: 1104010); Class IX, GBSSS, No. 2, C-Block, Yamuna Vihar (ID: 1104008); Provision of Urdu teacher in GBSSS, F/F2, Nandnagri Extn., Delhi (ID: 1106014) where approx. 500 students desire to learn Urdu but there is no Urdu teacher there; Introduction of Urdu in RPVV Gautampur (ID: 1105248); Class XI of SKV, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi (ID: 1003028). The Commission said in its notice: "In general you are directed to provide Urdu and Punjabi teachers to every school where 6 or more students in a class demand same." (8 May, 2019). HOS GBSSS No. 2 replied that the "file for seeking introduction of new subject 'Urdu' from the Department and affiliation from CBSE has been forwarded through proper channel" (12-11-18).

Dy. Dir. Edu Zone IV Distt. North replied that HOS of GBSSS No. 2 Yamuna Vihar “moved a file regarding introduction of Urdu subject in Department approval from competent authority. It is under process. After getting approval then it will be sent to CBSE for affiliation for Urdu subject. Thereafter approval of competent authority and the approval of CBSE authority new subject Urdu will be introduced in future and Urdu subject will be given to the students as per rule” (30-10-18).

**Notice to Deputy Director of Education North East:** DMC issued a notice on 31 August, 2018 upon receiving a complaint from Shri Manzar Ali that there are no or insufficient Urdu TGT and PGT teachers in various government schools of North East, e.g., SKV, Khajoori Khas (ID 1104022), GGSSS No. 2, Tukhmeerpur (ID: 1104262) and GGSSS, Vijay Park (ID: 1104029). Dy. Director of Education North East directed to urgently enquire into this matter and arrange Urdu teachers in these schools. Dy. Dir. Edu North-East replied as follows on 19 November 2018:

Sl. No.	Name of the school/ID	Remarks
1	SKV, Khajoori Khas (1104022)	As per the report of DDE Zone IV, 2 posts of PGT Urdu is sanctioned and two posts are filled and out of 12 posts of TGT, 8 posts are vacant. Further as per the report the study of Urdu is going on smoothly in the school and the vacant posts are to be filled up at the earliest.
2.	GGSSS, Tukhmipur (1104262)	As per the report of DDE Zone IV, 6 posts of TGTs are sanctioned and 3 posts are filled. For creation of posts of PGT the proposal is under process and the vacant posts are to be filled up at the earliest.
3.	GGSSS, Vijay Park (1104029)	As per the report 1 post of PGT is sanctioned and the same is filled. 2 Posts of TGTs are sanctioned in the school and the same is vacant and the vacant posts are to be filled up at the earliest.

DMC issued another notice on 28 August, 2018 to Dy. Director of Education North East about complaint of students of class XI of GBSSS,C-2, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi 110053 (school ID 1104008) that despite asking their principal to be provided them Urdu language, they are being denied same despite the fact that at least 23 students are asking for same.

Another notice was issued to Dy. Director of Education North East on 27 August, 2018 regarding students of class XI of GBSSS, Tukhmipur, Delhi (school ID 1104261) who despite asking their principal and Deptt of Education to be provided Urdu language, are being denied same despite the fact that at least 17 students are asking for same. Dy. Dir. Edu North East District replied that “no student in the school has requested for subject combination of English with Urdu in writing to the HOS of the school till date... If any request in this regard is received the same can be provided subject to the availability of teachers and class rooms in the school” (19-11-2018).

Yet another notice was issued to Dy. Director of Education North East on 27 August, 2018 regarding students of students of class XI of GGSSS, Dayalpur, Delhi (school ID 1104026) despite asking their principal and Deptt of Education to be provided Urdu language, are being denied same despite the fact that at least 27 students are asking for same. Dy. Dir. Edu. North East District replied that the concerned HOS has forwarded request to the higher authorities for the introduction of Urdu in the school. For the session 2018-19 the students have no objection to study Sanskrit as a subject (19-11-2018).

## COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEDIA ORGANISATIONS

**Notice to *The Pioneer* for calling Zakir Naik “Salafist terror preacher”:** Enforcement Directorate seized some properties of Dr. Zakir Naik in an alleged money-laundering case. The news, based on a PTI report, was published by newspapers and electronic media describing Dr. Naik as a “controversial preacher” but the *Pioneer*, while publishing the same news in its front page on 20 January, 2019, described Dr. Naik as “Salafist terror preacher”. Taking sou motu cognisance of this, Delhi Minorities Commission has sent a notice to the Editor of the *Pioneer*, saying that “this is a gross misuse of media freedoms to defame a person who is still an accused and no court verdict has been passed in the case. The said preacher is at best an accused in a case of money-laundering and not terror funding or preaching.” DMC directed the Editor of the *Pioneer* to enlighten DMC how it has arrived at the conclusion that Dr. Naik is a “Salafist terror preacher”. The DMC notice further said, “If this a mistake by an overzealous editor of the page, you should print a clarification in a prominent place saying that Dr Zakir Naik is only an accused in a money-laundering case, and supply a copy of the same to this Commission” (28-1-19). Chief of bureau of the newspaper replied saying that “We have no intention to hurt the followers of Salafi ideology of Islam. But people like Zakir Naik bring infamy to true believers of any sect including sub-sects of Islam. I assure you that we'll be extra careful in dealing with such subjects in future” [thereafter the rejoinder detailed cases against Zakir Naik in some of which he has been chargesheeted] (2-2-19).

### Zakir Naik's ₹16.40 crore assets seized in terror case

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached properties worth ₹16.40 crore in Mumbai and Pune under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with a terror case relating to Salafist terror preacher Zakir Naik.

The ED had earlier made two Provisional Attachments worth ₹34.09 crore. The probe revealed that funds to the tune of ₹49.20 crore were received in the bank accounts of accused Zakir Naik in India from his Dubai accounts. The origin of these deposits was from unknown sources, officials in the ED said.

According to the NIA chargesheet, Naik deliberately and maliciously insulted the religious beliefs of Hindus, Christians and non-Wahabi Muslims, particularly Shia, Sufi and Barelvis, with intention of outraging their religious feelings.

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Naik used the funds to the tune of ₹17.65 crore for purchase of properties from builders like Salim Kodia, partner in MK Enterprises; Munaf Vadgama, partner in Aafiyah Realtors; Sameer Khan, partner in Pacific Orient Genesis Associates; and Musa Lakdawala, partner of Lakdawala & Yash Associates in their projects, including Fatima Heights (Mumbai), Aafiyah Heights (Mumbai), ENGRACIA (Pune) and in a project at Bhandup, Mumbai.

In order to disguise the origin of funds and real ownership of properties, the initial payment made from the account of Naik were refunded and diverted to the accounts of his wife, son and niece and rerouted again for the purpose of making bookings in the name of family members rather than Zakir Naik. This has been revealed from the money trail established by ED. The total attachment as proceeds of crime in this case is Rs 50.49 crore, including the present attachment.

The ED had initiated investigation on the basis of chargesheet filed by National Investigation Agency (NIA) on October 26, 2017 before the court of Special Judge, NIA, Mumbai.

Naik-led Islamic Research Foundation and Harmony Media have been instrumental in maximum circulation of such incriminating speeches. For such activities, Naik was receiving funds from Islamic Research foundation as well as other unknown sources.

**Notice to Dr Kumar Vishwas and his apology:** Shri Charanjeet Singh, member of DMC's Sikh Advisory Committee, complained to the Commission that Dr Kumar Vishwas, an AAP leader, made objectionable comments against the Sikh community at N.I.T. Faridabad on 15-3-2019 during a programme organised to pay homage to the sacrifices of soldiers at Pulwama. Dr Vishwas said in his reply that the notice has been issued without knowing all the facts. He wrote in his reply, "I respect each and every community and I am wrongly animated by some persons which causes dissatisfaction and concern, to which, I do not support and I have already expressed public apology without prejudice, if sentiment of any individual, group or community is being hurt or offended even by the animated and morphed video clips..." (2-5-2019).

**DMC issues notice to Republic TV:** Taking suo motu action on a press report, Delhi Minorities Commission has issued a notice to Republic TV to explain why its reporters tried to force their way into Taj Enclave and when they failed, why they continued their reporting from outside the colony's gates and later from their studios. This harassed the residents of the Muslim-dominated colony and created a sense of insecurity among its residents. In its notice, DMC told Republic TV that forceful entry into a private property is a crime under Section 441 of IPC while defamation of individuals or a community is a well-known crime. DMC further told Republic TV in its notice, "you are further reminded that individual and personal freedoms of a citizen are sacrosanct and supersede press freedoms and TRP concerns of channels." DMC has directed Republic TV to reply by 24 April enclosing a CD of the concerned reporting on Taj Enclave on and around 9 April (10-4-2019). Republic TV in its reply claimed that its crew at Taj Enclave was focussing on a visiting Congress leader and his aide who lived there. The reply claimed that at no stage of the coverage the focus was on the enclave or its residents (24-6-19).

**Sudarshan TV's scaremongering in Bawana:** New Delhi: Sudarshan TV claimed in a telecast from Bawana in north Delhi on or around 11 May this year that its residents are Bangladeshis and Rohingyas. It telecast in support of this claim statements of some residents of the area. Replying to a notice to Delhi Police, SHO Narela has informed the Delhi Minorities Commission on 30-10-18 that one such person (Ganga Ram) has denied making such allegations while another person (Anand Kumar Upadhyay) said that Sudarshan TV team had come to Bawana to report on illegal mosques in the area. At that time he (Upadhyay) said that there are Bangladeshis and Rohingyas in the area and it is a fact that after some time Police arrested some Bangladeshis from the area. This person said he is ready to testify to same in front of DMC if called to do so. Delhi Police asked DMC to provide a copy of the said telecast so that more investigations could be done to uncover the truth.

## RIOTS/COMMUNAL TENSION, VIOLATION OF RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

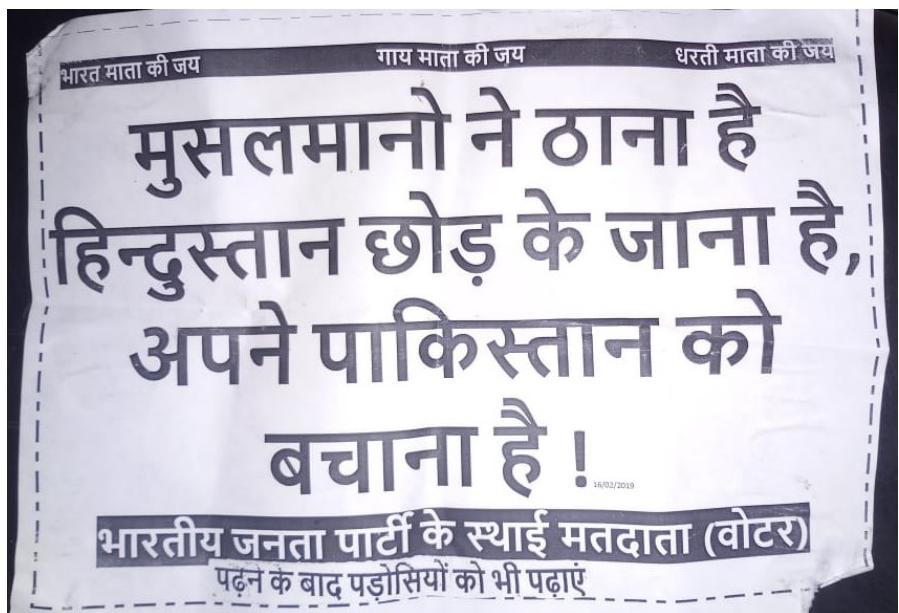
**Notice to Airports Authority of India regarding discrimination against bearded Muslims:** An alarming news item in a local Urdu newspaper said that AAI Coimbatore has issued a notice to four of its Muslim employees saying that they were not clean-shaven and directed them to report for service next day in clean shave. Reportedly the notice was issued by AAI Senior Manager Surendar Ranjan M to Mr KA Sharif, Rupesh Pol, Muhammad Alfi and Jahangir Mubarak. The report further said that this order is issued at the direction of the Director General. DMC notice said, "We believe this order has no basis in law and is a clear discrimination and victimisation of people belonging to a religious community which is illegal. People should not be victimised in matters of religion or civil and human rights at the whims of their superiors. Kindly enquire in this matter and let us know the reality. If we fail to

receive a reply from you within two weeks of this letter, a formal case will be registered against AAI.” (15 May, 2019). Sanjay Jain, Executive Director (HR) of Airports Authority of India replied vide letter No. PERS/SCT/Minorities/123/2019 dated 22 May, 2019 that the said employees belong to the Fire Service who are required to follow certain norms while performing their duties which includes upkeep and repair of uniform, personal grooming, hair, facial hair etc. And this is why fire crew at Coimbatore Airport were asked to adhere to the norms. But the Union Ministry of Home Affairs CISF circular no. E-42015/1/78/L&R dated 20/10/1986 (para 1(b) states that if certain member wants to keep beard for religious purpose, they must obtain permission from the Competent Authority. “Accordingly, on receipt of representations from three employees to allow them to keep beard on religious ground, they were permitted to do so.”

**Chairman DMC's letter to Police Commissioner regarding dead cows:** “I have received information that two cows were found dead this morning in Trilokpuri area and that, as I write this, people from some saffron outfits are agitating outside Pandav Nagar PS. The situation could easily go out of hand and a riot could erupt which may be the intention of the criminals responsible for the death/murder of the cows. It is a sensitive time for Delhi as we are about to go for elections. Criminal elements working for polarisation will try to take advantage of such incidents. Kindly make sure that peace and tranquillity are maintained at all cost and that the culprits behind the death/murder of the cows are brought to justice” (8 May, 2019).

**Invitation of the Pakistani hate-purveyor Tarik Fateh shameful:** Chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan said in a statement here that invitation of the Pakistani hate-purveyor Tarek Fateh to deliver a speech on Indianisation of Islam at Hansraj College of Delhi University tomorrow, Thursday, is shameful and regrettable. The lecture is organized by the RSS-linked India Policy Foundation and it will be chaired by Firoz Bakht Ahmad. Dr Khan said provision of a platform to an open enemy of Islam and Muslims to spread hate is a shameful act. Rather the entry into the country of such a person should be banned. His speeches and writings based on lies and concoctions spread misunderstanding about Islam and Muslims. Dr Khan said Firoz Bakht Ahmad’s acceptance to chair this lecture will taint his otherwise brilliant past and he will need years to wash the shame of this unfortunate decision. Still there is time for him to distance himself from this ignominy. This programme is being organised at 4 pm at Hansraj College on Thursday (12-9-2018).

**Notice regarding provocative posters in East Delhi:** DMC issued notice to DCP North East Delhi and DCP New Seelampur, Shahdara regarding provocative posters were posted on the walls of East Delhi’s Krishna Nagar (Lal Quarters) locality in the name of “Local Voters of Bharatiya Janata Party” which said “Muslim have decided to leave India and save their Pakistan” (18 March,



2019). DCP Shahdra District replied on 13-6-2019 saying that “no such type of posters was found at the above said area mentioned in the complaint. Moreover, as per the direction of Election Commission, all unnecessary posters have already been removed by the concerned officials with the help of local police. However, SHO/Krishna Nagar has been directed to remove all objectionable anti-social posters, if found and take strict legal action against the violators, if any found indulge in such type of activities.”

**Notice to Director of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi regarding Urdu teachers:**

The Commission received a complaint from Ms. Munazza Shams, r/o H. No. 1830, Agha Jaan Street, Darya Ganj, New Delhi - 110002 and another, regarding your department's failure to create posts of assistant teachers of Urdu and Punjabi languages despite the fact that (1) DIET and Jamia Millia continue to train persons in this discipline, who could find employment only as Urdu and Punjabi assistant teachers; (2) Urdu and Punjabi are officially second languages of NCT of Delhi; (3) according to RTE and Delhi Govt. Policy, children with minority language have a right to be taught in their respective mother tongue; (4) there is no provision in Delhi government schools to offer teaching in the mother tongue in the primary stage. DoE was directed to reply (1) why no assistant teacher (Urdu/Punjabi) post has been created for the past 14 years as claimed by the complainant; (2) when do you propose to create these posts; (3) in the meantime, you are directed to recruit as teachers qualified disabled persons as guest assistant teachers (Urdu and Punjabi) in all government, government-aided and private schools in NCT of Delhi (*17 May, 2019*).

**Sou Motu Notice to Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia regarding irregular admission:**

The Commission took *sou motu* notice of a news item saying that JMI flagrantly flouted rules by directly admitting a student to the 4<sup>th</sup> year of BA/LLB course while this is not allowed under the JMI rules. JMI Registrar was directed to reply (1) How and why such an exception was made in flagrant violation of the university rules? (2) Do JMI statute and rules allow any officer of the University to take such a decision? (3) Does the Chancellor of the JMI have powers to order such illegal action? (4) What action has been taken in the complaint filed by some students of JMI with the Dean, Students Welfare against this violation of JMI rules? (5) If the decision to admit an outsider directly in class 4 of BA LLB is wrong, what remedial action is suggested to undo this wrong? (6) What action is to be taken against the Dean, Faculty of Law, who passed the illegal order? (7) Does the said Dean or any other officer of JMI have the right to pass such an order and say in it “This will be a standalone case and will not set a precedent for consideration of such other cases in future”? This observation shows that the said officer knew it was against the rules. (8) Is it true that the said student has failed in his class 4 BA LLB exams? Supply supporting document to each reply(*16 May, 2019*). *Registrar JMI replied:* “The admission (LLB Course) in question has been allowed by the Competent Authority in consultation with the Bar Council of India, which is the Regulatory Authority. The action has neither adversely affected any minority seat nor impacted the policy of admission as to Minorities. The subject matter apparently does not fall within the structured domain of the Delhi Minorities Commission u/s 10(h) the Delhi Minorities Act, 1999. In view of the above submissions, it appears *prima-facie* that Commission a bit stretched the jurisdictional reach of underlying spirit guiding Section 10(h) of Delhi Minorities Act. The JMI being a minority institution has always been in the forefront of protecting the interest of minorities along with fair representation of all Sections of Society being the Centrally Funded Institution. However, the University appreciates the inquisitive spirit of the Commission in discharging its role as sentinel on *qui-vive*” (*29-5-19*. DMC replied that it is not satisfied with

the reply. “Delhi Minorities Commission, a quasi-judicial statutory body, is empowered vide Clause 10(a) of DMC Act 1999 to examine the working of safeguards provided in the Constitution of India or laws enacted by Parliament or the state legislative assembly. Moreover, Clause 10(5(d)) authorises us to ‘requisition any public or institutional record, or copy thereof, from any office or institution of the Government’. It is our opinion at this stage that rights of minority students are affected if rules are flouted/bent or if a special rule is created to accommodate someone while excluding others from same rule. You are required to send copies of the following to enable this Commission to arrive at a decision in this respect: (1) Application of the student/guardian and notings thereon from the beginning to the stage of his actual admission. (2) Copy of the Bar Council of India’s opinion; (3) Proof that Bar Council of India is the Regulatory Authority in this matter” (11-6-19). The matter is being pursued.

#### **Notice to Delhi Subordinate Service Selection Board regarding Teacher Primary-Urdu:**

The Commission has received a complaint from Shri Nadeem r/o 160, Gali No.2, Old Mustafabad, Delhi – 110094, that (1) he qualified for recruitment as Teacher Primary-Urdu in MCD through DSSSB via advertisement number 004/2000 vide post code 69/09 but he was not appointed with remark “Due to Possession of Educational Qualification is not as per RRs provided by the User Deptt”; (2) National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Act 2019, deemed to have come into force on 17 August 1995, was been passed and published in the Gazette of India on 11 January, 2019 giving retrospective recognition to Central/State/UT-funded institutions offering courses or training in teacher education; (3) Despite the said amendment complainant has not been appointed in the said post (17 May, 2019). Dy. Secy. DSSSB replied that on the date of selection the qualification of the said candidate was not recognised though it was recognised later with retrospective effect. Some posts were already filled and others surrendered to the user department. Dy. Secy. DSSSB further said, “The true construction of the said Amendment Act 2019 [giving retrospective recognition to some courses] would be that courses run by these institutions would be recognised retrospectively but only for opportunities arising in future and not for the opportunity which attained finality as in the instant case” (5-7-19).

**Notice to Delhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences & Research (DIPSAR) regarding denial of promotion to a Muslim employee (Shri Syed Md. Asif, Sr. Lab Assistant) who has worked at DIPSAR for over eight years,** complained to the Commission that his services have unjustly been terminated on the flimsy ground of failure to repay a loan in time while your department was not paying his salary in time. DMC notice to DIPSAR said, “we notice that the contract of only a minority person out of your contractual staff of 11 persons has not been renewed. DIPSAR is directed to relook at the matter, undo the injustice done to the complainant and inform this Commission...” (7 March, 2019).

**Notice to Addl. Commissioner, Health Department, North Delhi Municipal Corporation regarding harassment of physician:** Dr Mohd. Zeeshan Ansari r/o Z-2/168 Welcome (near Jeans Market), Delhi 110053, contractual GDMO-II, complained that he received an order No.AO(H)/N/Cont-GDMO/Termin/2018/386 dated 1-11-18 terminating his services “with immediate effect.” He said that he has been working with you in this capacity since January 2015 and was posted at Indira Nagar Dispensary Adarsh Nagar, Delhi 110 033, ward no. 17, NDMC. He claimed that an enquiry was held after which he was transferred to another clinic for which he received an order on 30-10-18 and the very next day he received an order saying that he has been disengaged from his duties. He alleges that all this came as a

result of certain political pressure in the area after a visitor of his dispensary got angry when he did not get immediate attention when he wanted certain medicine whose dispenser was not present at the time and the visitor was asked to wait for him. The visitor started quarrelling with the complainant and later brought a mob of around 150 persons which misbehaved with the complainant and his staff and forced the complainant to write an apology for something he did not do. Addl. Commissioner, Health Department, North Delhi Municipal Corporation was directed to *personally* reply to the following: (1) How and under what conditions was the complainant was employed by the department; (2) Are there any complaints against him in the past; (3) What is the enquiry procedure in the department and was it followed in this case; (4) was the complainant and his staff in the dispensary questioned and their statements in writing taken from them; (5) what is the procedure to terminate the services of contractual staff with four years' service; (6) was a show cause notice issued to the complainant and if so what was his reply (attach copy), (7) was there any recommendation from the Deptt of Health's concerned officer(s) to terminate his services, (8) on what basis the termination order dated 1-11-18 was issued (*26 February, 2019*). DCP North-West Distt. replied on 1-5-19 that "the matter has been got enquired into through ACP/Jahangir Puri/NWD which revealed that on 01.10.18, on receipt of PCR call vide DD No. 15-A, I.O. ASI Shamsher from P.S. Adarsh Nagar reached the dispensary, where alleged Manoj Kumar aged (53 years) R/o H.No. 25 Vill. Bhadola, Delhi met the I.O. and stated that he is a T.B. patient and had to wait at the counter of dispensary without being attended. After waiting for some time, he went inside the dispensary and met Mr. Girish and requested him for medicine; instead Mr. Girish asked him to meet Dr Zeeshan first. Thereafter Manoj met Dr. Zeeshan and requested for medicine, but Dr. Zeeshan told him to wait till 12 noon as the concerned staff was not present in the dispensary. As Manoj was making video of the conversation, a quarrel took place between Dr. Zeeshan and Manoj. Thereafter, Manoj went inside the toilet of dispensary and Dr Zeeshan Ansari locked the door of toilet from outside and made a PCR call. Later, some persons known to Manoj also arrived at the dispensary and started protesting. Both the parties were made to understand. The matter was settled amicably between both the parties, and they decided not to take any legal action into the matter. In view of the said settlement, the PCR call was filed. No further action is warranted in the matter."

**Notice to MCD North East re. failure to issue death certificate:** Shri Raees Ahmad, grandson of late Smt. Akhtari, r/o H. 14/48, Gali 13/6, Subhash Vihar, North Ghonda, Delhi 110053 complained to the Commission that he applied to window No. 2 in your office for the death certificate of his grand-mother on 28-9-18 with a signed copy of the burial permission slip from Qabristan Jama Masjid Committee No. 2078 dated 22-9-18. Till date he was not issued the required death certificate (*26 November, 2018*). After the receipt of this notice, the department called the complainant and issued the certificate(*EDMC Public Health Deptt's reply - 29-1-19*).

**Notice to Chief Electoral Officer Delhi re. deletion of names in NCT of Delhi:** The Commission took *sou motu* cognizance of media reports saying that names of lakhs of NCT of Delhi voters have been deleted/have disappeared for unknown reasons. Delhi CEO was directed to (1) file a detailed report about these reports, reasons and criteria used to delete names; copy of the order for this action; and a complete constituency-wise list of all the deleted voters with their names, addresses and ward numbers/names, in the NCT of Delhi. (*9 November, 2018*). Dy. CEO Delhi replied that "Election Commission of India has already

taken cognizance of the matter and in this regard this office is complying with all the directions of the Election Commission of India..." (20-11-18).

**DMC Chairman's letter to Chief Election Commissioner of India:** "This Commission had issued a notice to the Chief Electoral Officer Delhi to file a report about media reports saying that names of lakhs of NCT of Delhi voters have been deleted/have disappeared for unknown reasons. We wanted to know the reasons and criteria used to delete names; copy of the order for this action; and a complete constituency-wise list of all the deleted voters with their names, addresses and ward numbers/names, in the NCT of Delhi. We have received a reply from Shri Padmakar Ram Tripathi, Dy. CEO, Delhi No. F. 2(221)/CEO/ER/2018-32866-68 dated 20-11-18 (*copy attached*) saying that Election Commission of India has already taken cognizance of the matter. I will be grateful if a copy of your report on this matter alongwith reasons and orders in this respect and a list of deleted voters in NCT of Delhi is provided to this Commission as we feel that this matter is of great importance and relevance to the rights of minorities" (30 November, 2018).

**Notice to Deputy Director of Education (East) re. harassment of teacher:** Farzana Parween, Asst. Teacher, RSKV, Pocket B, Mayur Vihar – 2, New Delhi 110091 (id: 1002029) has complained to this Commission that she is being issued show cause notices on almost a daily basis on the strength of complaints from unknown people who have nothing to do with the school. Respondent directed to urgently enquire into this matter, see if the complaints are genuine and the mobile numbers provided are genuine and file your report by 18 October, 2018. Take notice that taking action on complaints by unknown persons is illegal and those who are harassing the said teacher are liable for legal action (1 October, 2018).

**Suo motu cognizance of report of unnatural deaths:** DMC issued notice to Deputy Commissioner of Police South West re. press reports in daily *Inquilab* and daily *Roznama Khabrein* (both of 26-9-18) that dead bodies of two sisters, Rukhsar Begum, 22 years, and Nabila, 19 years, daughters of Shri Muhammad Ahmad and residents of A-51, Main Nala Road, Chauhan Nagar, were found in a *nala* under PS Alipur. The duo had gone out to Kashmiri Gate at 5: 30 pm on 19 September after receiving a call on mobile that there is a job for them. From there they were directed to go to Model Town. After this, their mobile phones went silent. After much search, their bodies were discovered six days later in a *nala*. Rukhsar was married to one Lucky *alias* Lefty of Peeragarhi Camp two years ago and had a daughter aged 13 months out of this marriage. They fell out and Rukhsar got divorce from the said person (Lucky *alias* Lefty). A report was registered in Seelampur PS same day of disappearance in which the girls' family named Lucky *alias* Lefty as accused but no action was taken by the police and much precious time was lost in which the girls could have been rescued. DCP South West directed to urgently enquire into this matter and file your report focusing on why no action was taken when the complaint was lodged on the same day of the two girls' disappearance, what action has been taken till date, if the said accused has been arrested and interrogated and if call data records of their and of Lucky *alias* Lefty have been obtained and analysed (26 September, 2018). *DCP North East Distt informed the Commission on 1-11-18 that "On 24.09.2018 a call was received from P.S. Alipur, Delhi. On the statement of their mother...a case FIR No. 305/18, dt. 25.09.2018 u/s 498-A/304-B/302 IPC was registered and accused persons namely arrested namely Lefty@Gulsan @ Lucky s/o Sh. Gopal Das, r/o D-24, Peera Garhi, Relief Camp, Delhi and Shivam Bhardwaj s/o Late Sh. Dhauveer, r/o H.No.370, Peera Garhi, Relief Camp, Delhi were arrested and sent to J/C."*

**Notice to DCP South West re. trouble over mosque:** Delhi Minorities Commission took *suo motu* cognizance of press reports about constant trouble at Jama Masjid Bijwasan village in south west Delhi where some miscreants are creating trouble at the time of prayers (*namaz*), especially during the noon prayer on Juma (Fridays). They have forcibly removed the loudspeaker of the mosque and are preventing outsiders from praying in the mosque. Last Friday (28 Sept. 2018) police went there and apparently there was no trouble. Since this is an ongoing matter, you are directed to enquire into the matter, take action against the miscreants and take assurances from them that no trouble will be made in future. If they refuse, you are directed to take legal action against them (*1 October, 2018*). DCP South West Delhi informed the Commission that “the aged persons of both the communities have solved the matter amicably. Now there is no problem to any community. No further action is warranted in the matter at this stage” (*29-10-18*).

**Enquiry re. policy about leave of Muslim employees for Friday prayer:** DMC sent letter to the Joint Secretary (E), Department of Personnel & Training, Union Ministry of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi 110 001: “Please refer to the letter of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Public Section, dated 21-8-2018 (*attached for ready reference*) to you regarding the government policy on the right of Muslim employees to offer Juma (Friday) prayers. The Delhi Minorities Commission is awaiting a clear-cut reply in this matter.” (*25 Sept., 2018*). *No reply received; the matter is being pursued.*

**Notice to Director, Board of Technical Education, Delhi over discrimination against Muslim female teachers:** Smt. Huma Fatima, ex-guest faculty, DITE Okhla (Electrical Deptt.), r/o B1/142 G1, DLF Ext. II, Bhopura, Sahibabad, Dist. Ghaziabad 201005 complained to this Commission that she was working as guest faculty in the Electrical Department of DITE Okhla on a yearly contract basis but this year she was not called even for an interview and after her protest, she was called for an interview on 12-7-18 one day *after* the actual interview for the teaching posts and that during the interview the expert did not belong to her specialization. She has further said in her complaint that there were three Muslim minority teachers in the said institute (including one who had been teaching in the said institute for the last 5 years) and all have been dropped this year. She has also referred to the behaviour of certain officers of the said institute whose utterances and behaviour smack of communal bias. She has also informed that a majority of the teachers in the said institute are guest [temporary] teachers. It also comes out from her complaint that the officers of the said institute run it like a private fief. Respondent directed to urgently enquire into this matter, focusing mainly on the following points (your reply to each point *separately* is mandatory): (a) why all the three Muslim guest teachers in the institute were dropped this year and they were not called even for the original interview; (b) was the decision of not continuing an existing teacher taken on the basis of the interview, which was conducted one day after the original schedule, by an unqualified expert, or on the basis of her previous work and adverse report on her file; if the latter is the case, attach copies of any such reports; (c) what was the specific reason for not calling the complainant to the original interview schedule; (d) Was her past experience of teaching for two years taken into account while discontinuing her services; (e) what was the complainant’s place in the department’s merit lists during her two years as guest teacher there; (f) are teachers, who were below her in the merit lists, still teaching in the said institute; (g) what has been the previous performance of the complainant in the said institute; (h) why a majority of the teachers of the said institute are temporary [guest]; (i) what was the performance of students taught by the complainant during her two years at the said institute; (j) what is Directorate of Technical

Education's policy regarding teachers with past experience in its institutes *vis-à-vis* fresh applicants; (k) is the past experience counted during the interview and evaluation; (l) Is it true that most guest teachers are relatives of permanent staff of the said institute; (m) why the said institute has failed to issue an experience certificate to the complainant; fix the responsibility for this high-handedness and inform the Commission of what action has been taken, (n) the complainant makes specific allegations of illegal communal behaviour of certain officers of the institute; enquire into the same and let this Commission know what action has been taken against such officers (*25 September, 2018*). DITE prepared an enquiry report in 48 pages and sent it to DMC on 30-11-18 which gave it a clean chit in the matter. A copy of this reply was sent to the complainant to file her rejoinder but she did not. On the other hand, Board of Technical Education replied that it does not govern the laws of appointment and the human resources of DITE (3-12-19). Hence the file was closed.

**Notice to DCP North West over complaint of mob threatening school:** The Commission received a complaint from Rev. Fr. Vincet D'Souza, Principal, Rosary Senior Secondary School, Radio Colony, Kingsway Camp, Delhi 110 009 that a mob has been protesting outside his school over an alleged sexual assault on a three and a half year old girl which, the principal says, did not take place while the child was in the school. He says that the original CCTV footage and DRs have been handed over to the police officials and the school is fully cooperating with the police. DCP North West directed to enquire into this matter and file a reply with this Commission explaining (a) why this intimidation is continuing when the school is cooperating with the police and (b) what action has been taken against the mob and its leaders and also (c) what action has been taken in the assault case on the poor child (*17 September, 2018*).

DCP North West District replied to the notice on 14-1-19 saying, "The matter has been got enquired through ACP/Model Town/NWD. During enquiry, it is revealed that on dated 04.09.18 an information vide DD No. 30A was received from Hindu Rao Hospital regarding molestation with a female child age about 3 years. IO reached at hospital and collected MLC and other exhibits of female child. After that on the statement of Smt. Sangeeta Arora (mother of the child) w/o Sh. Sumit Arora r/o H. No. 199 A Dhaka Village, Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi, a case vide FIR No. 477/18 u/s 6 POSCO Act was registered at PS Mukharjee Nagar and investigation was taken up. The complainant stated that her daughter is studying in Rosary Senior Secondary School in Nursery class. On 04.09.18, her daughter went to school and when she came back from school, there was bleeding from her private parts. The complainant has stated in her statement that earlier also incidents happened with her daughter when she went to school, they took the matter to the school authorities and not to the police. During the course of investigation, the statement u/s 164 Cr PC of victim/child and her mother Sangeeta were recorded by the Hon'ble Ld. MM, Ms. Neha Gupta Singh, Rohini Courts Delhi. Initially, the parents of victim with the help of local residents called an agitation in front school, candle march from school to Parmanand Chowk and also sit on hunger strike at a distance of 1.5 km from the school. The agitation/march pass and dharna were handled tactfully and no untoward incident took place. The safety and security of students and staff was made properly. Now the investigation of the case has been transferred to Crime Branch Chanakyapuri Delhi vide order No. 29937-44/AC-III/C&T/QHQ dated 14.09.18

- (a) There has been no intimidation before the school.
- (b) No action was taken as stated in point No 1. Further a permanent picket has been installed at the main gate of the school premises to avoid any incident. Moreover, the contact numbers of the senior officers, SHO, Division/beat staff have been provided to the management of school for contacting them in case of any need. Prompt action has been taken by the local police. Regular visits by the beat staff are also being made to school.
- (c) A case FIR No. 477/18 u/s 6 POSCO Act dated 05.09.18 was registered in PS Mukharjee Nagar on the statement of Smt. Sangeeta Arora (mother of child) w/o Sh. Sumit Arora r/o 199A Dhaka Village, Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi, regarding the incident. Presently, the case has been transferred to Crime Branch Chanakyapuri Delhi, the investigation of the case is pending with Crime Branch.”

**Notice to DCP East over harassment of Muslim female:** Smt. Aaisha d/o Mohammad Vahid, r/o G-24 Third Floor, Gali 17, near Moti Masjidwali gali, Jagatpuri, Krishnanagar, Delhi 110 051 has complained to this Commission that she being an adult has married one Mohammad Dilshad s/o Mohammad Qamruddin, r/o G-24 Third Floor, Gali 17, near Moti Masjidwali gali, Jagatpuri, Krishnanagar, Delhi 110 051, and that she has got her marriage registered in Ghaziabad. She is being threatened by her parents and relatives that they will cut her into pieces and she says that they have made her sisters-in-law Malika Parveen (*jethani*), Nafrin and Neha (*nanads*) hostages and have told her over phone that they will rape them and publish videos on the Net if the complainant does not return to them. The complainant has made a complaint about this to the SHO, Jagatpuri PS, East Delhi on 15-9-18. Respondent directed to urgently enquire into this matter, ensure the safety of the complainant and ensure the freedom of her relatives allegedly kept hostages by named persons. If the complainant is found adult in legal terms, she should be allowed to live with her husband, and her parents and relatives should be told in clear terms that they will be dealt with most sternly if they take the law into their hands and that any harm coming to the complainant, her husband and relatives will be taken as proof of their criminal activity in this matter(*18 September, 2018*).

**Notice to Deputy Commissioner of Police New Seelampur Shahdara over attempt to burn alive madrasa students:** The Commission took *sou motu* cognizance of media reports about an attempt to burn alive students of Madrasa Babul Uloom Jafrabad, East Delhi, at around 2 am in the night of 12 September while they were asleep. Reportedly, the miscreants threw kerosene oil inside the dormitory from a window and tried to burn the sleeping students. However, they were alerted and saved themselves while one young student was burnt and some damage occurred to the madrasa properties while the criminals were able to flee in the darkness of the night. Reportedly, an FIR was registered but no one has been arrested(*14 September, 2018*). DCP North-East Distt. Reply on 29-10-18 that “the injured Shamsheer S/o Zafrul, R/o Village Balbari, P.S Azamnagar, District-Katihaar, Bihar was rushed to G.T.B. hospital vide MLC No. B-4781/22/18, a case FIR No. 549/18 dated 10.09.2018 u/s 324 IPC was registered on the statement of injured. During investigation: (1) Keeping in view of the personal grudge or enmity with the complaints he was interrogated at large but this theory could not be established. Identity or name of any individual was also not disclosed by the complainant; (2) Local enquiry was conducted to trace the alleged person but no clue was found; (3) Sources were deployed to nab the miscreant but no clue was found. Further inputs are being worked out; (4) The local criminals of area were interrogated in detail but in vain; (5) Previous involvement of the

suspects was analysed but no lead could emerge; (6) That during the course of investigation, the CCTV footages around the place of incidence were analysed and taken into the police possession but no clue was found; (7) Raids were conducted at odd hours on the suspected place but no clue was found. Apart from above some other persons were also interrogated but no fruitful result could emerge. Despite the continuous strenuous efforts the identity of the accused person could not be established so far. Further efforts are being done to nab the miscreant(s).”

**Notice to DCP, North East Delhi re. attack on Muslim teens:** Shri Rafat Masood, r/o D073, Gali no.9, Mohanpuri, Maujpur, Delhi 110053 complained to the Commission that his son Yasir, age 14, and relative Mohd. Rehan, age 16, who had gone out to throw garbage at around 10: 30 pm on 8-9-18 at Noor Ilahi colony, thereafter they went to the market in Yamuna Vihar C-5 where a guard misbehaved with them and called three persons from the area who thrashed them badly claiming they were “thieves”. The complainant alleges that they wanted to kill them calling them “sons of Mallas who will become terrorists when they grow up”. They were saved when a police van passed by the area. Back home, the children narrated the story to the complainant who went to the place of the incident where the two children recognized the guard while the three assailants had left the place. The complainant called police by dialling 100. Police told him to go to Bhajanpura PS where the IO started scolding the children that they should not go out at such time of the night and refused to register an FIR. MLC was done at Jagpravesh Hospital at Shashtri Park in the early hours of 9-9-18 but a copy was not given to the complainant. DCP, North East Delhi directed to enquire into this matter, specifically about why an FIR was not registered and why the local police supported the accused, get an FIR registered and file a report with this Commission about the matter indicating what action has been taken against the accused in the current matter(*11 September, 2018*). DCP North-East District replied on 17-10-18 saying, “Enquiry into the matter was got conducted through ACP/P.G. Cell/NED, which reveals that the statement of the complainant Sh. Rafat Masood has been recorded wherein he stated that a case FIR No. 477/18 u/s 323/341/34 IPC, PS-Bhajan Pura has now been registered and the accused have been arrested. Now, he has no complaint with the Delhi Police, in this regard.”

**Notice re. abductee case:** The Commission issued notice to SHO Police Station Khajuri Khas regarding Ms Rakhshanda (*name changed*) of New Jafarabad, Delhi 110053 who approached the Commission with the complaint that she was repeatedly kidnapped since 2006 and rescued in 2017. Her case was registered in your Police Station under FIR No. ...under Section 363 under which eleven persons were arrested and they are reportedly under trial. The notice said, “You are hereby directed to inform the Commission details of this case and the current situation including copies of relevant documents” (*9 November, 2018*). MHC (R) of PS Khajuri Khas replied on 19-11-18 saying, “it is submitted that a Case FIR No. 393/06, U/s 363 IPC dated-09.09.2006 has been registered at PS Khajuri Khajuri Khas, Delhi which was to court vide RC No. 393/21/16, dated 04.11.16. The above said case is pending trial.”

*Chairman DMC also wrote to Secretary, CM's Office, Govt. of NCT of Delhi re. the above abductee's case:* “Ms Rakhshanda (*name changed*) of New Jafarabad, Delhi 110053 has approached this Commission with the complaint that she was repeatedly kidnapped since 2006 and finally rescued in 2017. She was forcibly married to a non-Muslim out of whom she has two children and now she has to take care of them as well. Her case was registered in Khajuri Khas Police

Station under FIR No. 393/6 under Section 363 under which eleven persons were arrested and they are reportedly under trial.

"Her complaint is that she received no help or compensation from the Govt. of Delhi despite having gone through harrowing times for long years which demonstrates failure of the State to protect and rescue a citizen. She says that she approached the office of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi where she was promised some help but it never materialized.

"She has shown us copy of a letter issued by the office of the CM to Civil Defence Department to enrol her in civil defence and provide her a job. She has also told us that she was promised a relief of Rs two lakh, that this case was being dealt with by Mr Mohan Gopal in CM's office but same could not reach her because of bureaucratic complications which she could not handle being an illiterate woman.

"Kindly enquire about these two things (letter to Civil Defence and the promised relief) and let me know the details so that same could be activated. I should add here that the promised relief is too meagre in view of her long, tortuous ordeal. Once details are received, I would like to write to Hon'ble CM requesting him to reconsider this and raise the amount considerably in view of her ordeal" (8 November, 2018).

*Chairman DMC's reminder to Secretary, CM's Office, Govt. of NCT of Delhi:* "I wrote to you a letter seeking details of the case of Ms Rakhshanda (*name changed*)... I am sorry to note that to date no reply has been received. This is an important issue and we are trying to help this hapless and innocent young lady who has been subjected to great injustice and the State failed to protect her. Kindly make it convenient to supply us the required information. If no reply is received within a reasonable time-limit, I will be constrained to issue a notice" (16 January, 2019). After receipt of this letter, CM's office paid the victim a compensation of one lakh rupees. Obviously, this is not enough or fair and the Commission will continue its efforts to get the victim's compensation enhanced.

**DMC writes to CP regarding murder of cows in Trilokpuri:** Delhi: taking a serious note of the murder of two cows in Trilokpuri in the morning of Wednesday and the subsequent agitation of saffron elements in front of Pandav Nagar Police Station, Delhi Minorities Commission Chairman wrote to the Commissioner of Police Delhi warning him that miscreants may try to use the incident to start a riot in the area so that they may benefit from the resulting polarisation in the forthcoming elections. DMC Chairman asked PC to maintain peace and tranquillity in the area and arrest the criminals behind the murder of the cows and bring them to justice (8-6-19).

**Notice to Registrar, JNU:** Aeiaz Ahmad Rather, a PhD student of JNU's Centre for Historical Research, has complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that Prof. Amrita Singh of the same university abused him and other students and passed Islamophobic remarks against them. DMC asked the Registrar, JNU, to enquire about this complaint and take action against the said professor if the complaint is found correct (18-1-19).

**Second Notice to JNU:** JNU student Aeiaz Ahmad Rather complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that JNU professor, Amita Singh, passed derogatory comments against the said student in particular and against Muslims in general. JNU Registrar replied to DMC's notice saying that a probe is going on about this issue and a report will be submitted once the enquiry

is complete. The promised reply is yet to be received by DMC which in the meantime received another complaint from the same student against the said professor, alleging that she continues her attacks against him on social media platforms. DMC again wrote to the JNU Registrar directing him to complete the enquiry and send JNU's reply(6-4-19). Registrar JNU replied on 16-4-19 that a committee was constituted to look into the reply of Prof. Amita Singh, CSLG, and it was decided by the committee that the reply/response given by Prof. Amita Singh may be forwarded to the DMC. A copy of this reply, in which the accused vehemently defended herself and found fault with the complainant, was sent to the complainant to send his rejoinder and JNU was asked to send a copy of the said committee's report.

**Notice over attempt to ignite communal riot:** A resident of Bhorganj, Narela in North Delhi, complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that an attempt was made to ignite a communal riot in Narela on 9 February. A person named Kuldeep threatened to demolish the village mosque. He gathered a mob of 400-500 persons who indulged in slogan-mongering trying to start a riot. The complainant has named three persons as leaders of this conspiracy and has added that they have threatened that they will assemble outside the mosque every Friday and will stop people from entering it. DMC sent a notice to DCP North West asking him to reply what action has been taken about this activity and how police is going to stop it in future (2-3-2019).

**Action against goondaism:** A resident of Gali Paharwali, Ahata Kedara in Old Delhi, complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that a local youth has uploaded photoshopped images of his daughter on social media and is threatening to kidnap her if she is not married to him. DMC wrote to DCP Central District and Cyber Crime Cell to investigate, take action and file their replies (2-3-2019).

**Twin sisters' murder: culprits arrested, case filed:** In September 2018 two sisters, Rukhsar Begum (22) and Nabila (19) of Chouhan Bangar were killed and dumped in a drain. Taking *suo motu* notice of the murder, Delhi Minorities Commission issued a notice to DCP North East to investigate the matter. DCP North East informed DMC that Lefty @ Gulshan @ Lucky s/o Gopal Das and Shivam Bhardwaj s/o Dhauveer of Peera Garhi Relief Camp have been arrested and FIR has been registered in the case (10-2-2019).

**Elderly women's shelter in Burari:** In August 2018, the Building Department of North Delhi Municipal Corporation demolished part of Shanti Bhawan in Ajeet Vihar, Burari, without any prior notice. The NDMC team not only misbehaved with elderly female inmates at the shelter, it also misbehaved with Ms. Anastasia Gill, Member of DMC who had rushed to the place after getting information about the demolition. A notice was issued to the NDMC about this unacceptable behaviour. Officers of the Building Department, NDMC, appeared before the Commission, tendered an apology and promised not to harm the shelter in future. This quite old shelter is located in a *Laldora* area and even police bring destitute helpless old women from roadside and railway stations to live at this shelter. The Commission did not find the oral apology acceptable and directed that the concerned officer who was present on the scene and on whose orders part of the shelter was demolished, should appear before the Commission. Subsequently, the concerned officer appeared before the Commission and offered a written apology, after which the case was closed (10-2-2019).



*Women shelter at Buraru demolished on 7-8-18; inmates, including mentally-challenged, stand outside the demolished shelter (news on previous page)*

**Action about murder of eatery owner:** On 19 May 2018, Shahabuddin, owner of an eatery in Gandhi Nagar, was murdered. Taking *suo motu* notice of the crime, Delhi Minorities Commission issued a notice to DCP Shahdara to enquire and file a report. DCP Shahdara informed the Commission that an FIR was registered in Gandhi Nagar Police Station on the day of the murder itself and one of the culprits named Mohit was arrested. Investigations continued and the other accused, namely Abhijeet Choudhary, Anand and Sunil, were subsequently arrested. A chargesheet was filed and judicial proceedings started (10-2-19).

**Meat Trader Harassed:** Delhi Meat Merchants Association complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that the meat shop of Chiraghuddin s/o Merajuddin in Buddh Vihar, Munirka Village, remains locked for one and a half years and despite making the required changes, he is not being issued a licence which has ruined his life. A notice was served on South Delhi Municipal Corporation, whose Dy. Director (VS) informed the Commission that the said meat trader has filed the required affidavit and that he will soon be issued his licence (10-2-19).

**Relief for 710 contractual workers of EDMC:** Domestic breeder-checkers (DBCs) working with the East Delhi Municipal Corporations (EDMC) on contractual basis for the last 20 years received a relief at the intervention of Delhi Minorities Commission. EDMC was going to give these workers a four-month break in service despite the fact that they have been working on contracts for the last two decades as part of the municipality's efforts to check the breeding of mosquitos causing malaria and dengue. As a result of DMC's intervention, these workers were given a break of only one day and continued their service thereafter. Thus 710 families were saved from penury as these workers were going to spend four long months without salaries. DMC took note of another complaint of these workers, that despite 20 years in service, they are not being regularised despite the fact that Justice PK Bihari of Delhi High Court had ordered the regularisation of similar workers in 1987. Thereafter, Delhi High Court again ordered in April 2004 that the present workers in the same capacity should also be regularised but so far that order has not been complied with (8-7-18).



Mr Yazdi Desai, President of Parsi Anjuman (second from left) being honoured by DMC Chairman and Member Kartar Singh Kochhar during his visit on 2 Jan. 2019. Also seen is Mrs Ava Khullar, President of Delhi Parsi Anjuman (second from right)

**Vicious petition in Delhi High Court to enter other religions' prayer places:** One Sanjiiv Kumar [sic] filed a petition in Delhi High Court seeking permission to enter Parsi, Muslim and Christian prayer places at any time and in any condition. Court was asked to allow even menstruating women to visit others' prayer places. No party was served with a copy of the petition. Delhi Parsi Anjuman came to know about it and acquired a copy. A Parsi delegation led by Mrs Ava Khullar, President of Delhi Parsi Anjuman, visited the Delhi Minorities Commission to seek help. Due to the seriousness of the issue, the delegation also included Mr Yazdi Desai, President of Parsi Panchayat, the Mumbai-based national Zoroastrian organisation. Parsis are worried that such permission will cause them great pain since only Parsis under certain conditions are allowed to enter the sacred fire temples. Permission to all to enter the fire temples will become a big problem for the community. DMC assured them of all possible help, gave them advice on how to protect their fire temples and expressed readiness to file an affidavit in the court or become a party to the case if needed. It came to light through the petition file that the litigant has also made Delhi's Jama Masjid and some Delhi churches as respondents. Chairman of DMC sent a letter alongwith a copy of the petition to Imam Ahmad Bukhari of the Jama Masjid and to top Delhi Church authorities to be prepared so that no *ex parte* verdict is announced (6-1-19).

**Notice to Director of Education over religious segregation of students:** The Commission took *suo motu* cognizance of a news item published in the *Indian Express* (10-10-18) which says that children in the North MCD Boys' School, Wazirabad village, Gali no. 9, are

segregated on the basis of their religion, hence there are classes for Hindu students only and others for Muslim students only. The report says that this practice started last July when a certain teacher was made in-charge of the school. DMC notice said, "We find this practice extremely disturbing as we are living in a secular and multi-religious society and are trying to bring all to the mainstream. You are hereby directed to urgently enquire into this matter focusing on the reason(s) for this bizarre arrangement, who is responsible for it, fix his/their responsibility, take appropriate punitive action against the guilty, and issue a general circular to all schools under your authority that such behavior will not be tolerated." Asst. Director Edu. Civil Lines Zone replied on 28-1-19 saying, "a team of officers headed by DDE/R&E including zonal heads of Education was constituted. Sh. Chanderbhan Singh Sehrawat, Teacher (Incharge of the School) was suspended vide office order No. Dir./Edn./NorthDMC/2018/D-71 dated 10.10.2018 with pending inquiry under the provisions of Regulation 5(2) DMC Services (Control and Appeal) Regulations 1959. The sections which were segregated on religion basis are re-arranged as per criteria. The school attendant has been posted in the MCPS Wazirabad Village-II. The two teachers who were running unauthorized absent from the school had been issued show cause notice and directed to join their duties with immediate effect. Ms. Shobha Gupta, Principal of MCPS Vijay Nagar S/S has been posted in the said school. It is certified by the undersigned that there is no segregation of school children on religious basis."

**Notice to Director of Education over expulsion of student by school:** Smt. Durgabai Senior Secondary School, 1, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi – 110002 has misused its authority to expel a long-standing student without enough reason. It has failed to conduct an impartial enquiry as directed by this Commission. Finding it a case of misuse of power and ruining the future of a student who has been with the school for close to 11 years, this Commission issued an order after giving due opportunity to the school to rectify its mistake and reinstate the student after securing an apology. The school has arrogantly rejected the Commission's order which is a gross disrespect of a statutory authority and contempt of a quasi-judicial body. DoE directed to take action against the said school (*29 January, 2019*).

**Notice to Director of Education Delhi:** The Commission issued a notice to DoE after receiving a complaint from Shri Ramswarup Baghi, r/o 64, Barakhamba, Kali Masjid, New Delhi 110006, making serious allegations against the principal and teachers of Sarvodaya Kanya Vidhyalaya, Mata Sundri, including the claim that the school management deliberately expels students and does not accept new applications in order to keep the numbers of students low as per their convenience (*18 January, 2019*).

**Notice to DCP Rohini over pressure on Muslims by their neighbour:** The Commission took *suo motu* cognizance of a news item published in the Urdu daily *Inquilab* (11-10-18) which said that Shri Ashraf Ali and his family living in Sector 25 Rohini are being pressurized by their neighbour Kishan Lal and his family to convert to Hinduism. Ashraf Ali and his wife Amina Begum claim that they have complained to the RWA of Sector 25 Rohini saying that they live in this area for the last three and a half years and ever since their said neighbours are tormenting them. Allegedly, the said Kishan Lal misbehaved with Ashraf Ali on 2 October 2018. Ashraf Ali had earlier also complained against the said Kishan Lal since 2016 but no action was taken against the accused. According to the report, the said Kishan Lal also threatens another Muslim resident of the area, *viz.*, Muhammad Niyaz. The report quotes the wife of Shri Ashraf Ali saying that the said Kishan Lal told her that now we have implicated your husband in a rape case and if you do not listen to us, we will kill you. We find it unacceptable that these

complaints continue for over three years and yet local police is unable to restrain people who are allegedly making illegal demands and threatening victims if same are not met. DCP Rohini directed to urgently enquire into this matter focusing on the reason(s) for inaction about previous complaints of Ashraf Ali; how the current complaint is being dealt with, fix the responsibility and take appropriate action against those officers who are/were responsible for dereliction of duty when such serious complaints were lodged(15 October, 2018).DCP Rohini distt. replied on 16-11-18: “Enquiry into the matter was got conducted, which revealed that Amina Begum w/o Ashraf Ali filed a complaint at PS Shahbad Dairy against Kishan Lal Gupta and others and on this complaint a case, vide FIR No. 373/18 dated 05.07.18 U/s 323/354/506/34 IPC was registered at PS Shahbad Dairy and investigation was taken up. During the course of investigation accused (1) Raj Kumar S/o Hari Ram R/o H. No. 267, Pocket-1, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi & Kishan Lal Gupta S/o Dharam Narayan Gupta R/o H.No. 257, FF, Pocket-1, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi were arrested in the case on 05.07.18 & 07.07.18 respectively. After completion of investigation, the charge-sheet in the case has been put in court on 03.10.18. the case is pending trial.

“It is pertinent to mention here that on the complaint of Ms. Apoorva D/o Sushil Kumar R/o C-74, Deep Vihar, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi initially a case, vide FIR No. 415/18 dated 28.07.18 U/s 323/341/354/506 IPC was registered at PS Shahbad Diary against Ashraf Ali (the present complainant). Further, as per the statements of prosecutrix recorded U/s 164 Cr. PC, Section 376 IPC was added in the case. Ashraf Ali filed anticipatory bail application in the Hon’ble Session Court, but the same was dismissed by the Hon’ble Court of Sh. Sanjeev Aggarwal, ASJ, Rohini Court, Delhi. Further, he filed the anticipatory bail application in the Hon’ble High Court and the same was also dismissed by the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi.

“During further course of investigation accused Ashraf Ali was arrested in the case on 17.10.18 and sent to J/C. Accused Ashraf Ali is still running in J/C. The draft charge-sheet in the case has been prepared and sent to prosecution Branch for scrutiny. The charge-sheet will be filed shortly.

“Further, Ashraf Ali did not file any complaint in regard to be pressurized by alleged Kishan Lal to convert his religion to Hinduism at PS Shahbad Dairy. The allegations levelled in the complaint are not substantiated. Action as per law has already been taken into the matter” (16-11-18).

**DMC issues notice to UGC:** Umaiyyah Khan, a student of Jamia Millia was not allowed to participate in UGC-Net exam for wearing *hijab* (scarf). Another Muslim woman of Goa was also not allowed to take the said exam on the same ground. Taking *sou motu* cognisance of the Delhi incident, Delhi Minorities Commission has issued a notice to Secretary, University Grants Commission saying that “it is a clear case of discrimination against a religious minority and an attempt to keep it away from the national mainstream. This practice has no legal or constitutional basis. Kerala High Court has clearly allowed Muslim women to appear in exams and test while in Hijab (wearing scarf and full sleeves)”. DMC also has issued clear orders to respect the religious rights of Muslim and Sikh women. DMC has asked the Secretary, UGC, to reply (1) why this discrimination is allowed, (2) on what basis and (3) how you propose to undo the injustice done to the Muslim women prevented from appearing in the NETJRF exam while in *hijab*, (4) what steps you are taking to prevent the repetition of this injustice in future. Copies of both the Kerala High Court and DMC’s general order regarding dress have been sent

alongwith the DMC notice (24-12-18). UGC on 26-2-19 sent the notice to the National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducted the test, asking to reply but it failed to reply. A reminder has been sent to NTA.

**DMC notice to Delhi Election Commissioner over deleted voters:** Taking *suo motu* cognizance of various press reports that many names have been deleted from voter lists, DMC issued a notice to Delhi Election Commissioner to inform DMC about its position, explain on what basis names have been deleted, on whose order this exercise has been carried out and, if so, DMC asked to be supplied with a copy of this letter. DMC has also asked Delhi Election Commissioner to supply a complete list of all such voters whose names have been deleted. (16-11-18). The Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi replied that his office works directly under the Election Commission of India (ECI) and its officers are on deputation from the ECI which has “already taken cognisance of the matter” and, therefore, the matter should be taken up with ECI. Accordingly, Chairman of DMC wrote to the Chief Election Commissioner of India asking him to supply DMC with a copy of ECI’s report on the matter alongwith reasons and orders in this respect and a list of deleted voters in NCT of Delhi. (26-12-18)

**Daryaganj student stopped from attending classes:** Muhammad Arib, a student of class X of Shrimati Durgabai Senior Secondary School was prevented from attending school on the plea that he misbehaved with staff. On receiving a complaint, Delhi Minorities Commission has sent a notice to the school and the director of education of central Delhi asking (a) what are the complaints against the said student; (2) what enquiry has been held, furnish copies of the complaints and the report of the disciplinary committee if any; (3) could this matter not be solved by reprimanding the student and imposing some fine on him. The Commission further said in its notice, “Suffice to say at this stage that this Commission will not allow any institution, educational or otherwise, to play with the lives and careers of our young generation”(16-11-18).

**Notice to Superintendent District Jail, Sector-16, Rohini:** Shri Kuldeep Singh, r/o WZ-92, 2nd Floor, Tilak Nagar, Delhi – 110018, lodged at Ward No.6, Barrack No. 104, Rohini Jail, complained to the Commission about serious misbehavior including beatings and denial of medical treatment by Jail authorities. He also named certain officers (15 January, 2019). Superintendent Jail No. 10, Rohini replied on 11-2-19 saying, inter alia, “it prima facie seems that this complaint is filed to divert the attention of jail staff and unnecessarily malign their image and dampen their morale in order to achieve his ulterior motives best known to him. The gist of his act was only to pressurize the medical staff in order to get his medical treatment done as per his consensus and after considering the given facts, it is apparently clear that allegations leveled against the Jail Administration and the Senior Medical Officer in-charge Central Jail No. 10 Rohini are completely false and baseless.”

**Transfer of physician:** Dr SN Hussain, working with the Department of Health of Delhi Government, complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that he lives in south Delhi but is posted for the last many years in north-east Delhi at a long distance from his house. His repeated requests for transfer to a place nearer his house have not been entertained. DMC issued a notice to the Department of Health and asked for the reasons for such treatment. After receiving this notice, Dr Hussain has been transferred from NE Delhi to South Delhi.(4-11-18). The physician was promptly transferred to South Delhi after this notice.

**DMC issues notice to Delhi Police over abduction of American national:** A police team from Bikaner (Rajasthan) arrested the American national Mohammad Yasin Patel from Delhi's Jamia Nagar police station on 16-10-18 without showing him any papers and took him to Bikaner. Patel suffers from diabetes and has undergone brain surgery in 2013 for which he has to take certain medicines regularly. But, according to his daughter Tooba's complaint, he was not allowed to take his medicines with him. Taking serious view of this violation of legal procedures, Delhi Minorities Commission sent a notice to DCP South East of Delhi Police to reply why Patel was arrested, why he was taken away without warrants and why he was not allowed to carry his medicines with him. DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan also wrote to the Superintendent of Police Bikaner to make available the necessary medicines to Patel and to provide him adequate medical attention. DCP South East District Delhi replied that an officer from PS Kotwali, Bikaner (Rajasthan) alongwith his staff arrested the said person in compliance with a non-bailable warrant issued by a court in a case registered in Bikaner. The said person was later released on bail on 23-10-18 (27-12-18).



*DMC meeting on Kandhamal, Delhi Secretariat conference hall, 11 October, 2018.  
Journalist Anto Akkara is the first on the right.*

**DMC meet calls for expediting the appeal of Kandhamal's seven innocents:** The delay in disposing of the appeal of the seven innocent Christians of Kandhamal in Odisha, who have been languishing in jail for the murder of Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati, came in for wide criticism on October 11 at the release of the Hindi documentary 'Kaid mein Bekasoor' (Innocents Imprisoned) at the Delhi Secretariat auditorium in a function organized by the Delhi Minorities Commission.

Rajendra Pal Gautam, minister for social welfare and SC/ST/OBC of Delhi Government, launched the documentary that has been produced by journalist Anto Akkara who has been

spearheading a campaign for the release of the seven innocents. “Humanity is being undermined at the altar of religion and that’s why incidents like Kandhamal happen,” said the minister at the programme.

“It is shocking to know about the plight of these innocents languishing in jail for the last 10 years. It should concern the whole nation,” said Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan, DMC chairman presiding over the release of the chilling documentary. “Our mandate is to speak up for the voiceless and minorities. That is why the Commission decided to host this programme to spread awareness about the shocking injustice to the Christian minorities,” pointed out Dr Khan.

“It is a shame for Indian democracy and judicial system that the seven innocents – six of them illiterates – are in jail to perpetuate a political fraud,” lamented journalist Anto Akkara who has made 27 trips to remote Kandhamal jungles villages and authored the nationally acclaimed book *Who Killed Swami Laxmanananda?* that has now been translated into Hindi, Malayalam and Odia.

“Let us all lend our voices to the voiceless,” urged Akkara who has been anchoring an online signature campaign for the release of the innocents on [www.release7innocents.com](http://www.release7innocents.com). Each signature on this website generates four instant emails to the Chief Justice of India, President of India, NHRC chairman and the Odisha High Court.

“If we fail to protect the minorities, we are falling into the pit,” said Delhi University Professor Apoorvanand addressing the packed audience. “If we do not come together for 2019 elections by forgetting out differences, we are in for trouble,” cautioned the political commentator.

“We are taking up this case to awaken the minorities and others to massive injustice to innocent people,” said Advocate Sister Anastasia Gill, DMC Member. “This is the moment for all the minorities to join hands together and challenge the fascist forces that are trying to divide people in the name of religion,” she said (11-10-18). [With strong lobbying by human rights activists, journalists and advocates, the seven accused Christians were released on bail by the Supreme Court during July-November 2019]

**Inquiry committee to probe police attack on Sikh citizen:** Chairman DMC issued an order on 26-06-2019 instituting an enquiry committee to probe the attack by some policemen on a Sikh citizen and his son at Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi on 15 June 2019. The order said:

“The DMC has received complaints from Shri Harminder Singh Ahluwalia and Shri Harsimran Singh Rakhral against unknown police officers who have brutally beaten the driver of Gramin Sewa, Shri Sarabjeet Singh and his minor son in the area of Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi, by lathis on 16.06.2019. The driver and his son belong to the Sikh minority. The acts of the unknown police officers are inhuman, against the law and *prima facie* criminal.

“The Delhi Minorities Commission has constituted an “Inquiry Committee” in order to assess the loss to the victim and facts of the incident.

“Delhi Minorities Commission hereby nominates the following as members of “Inquiry Committee” in the case of Sarabjeet Singh Vs. unknown police officers:

1. Adv. Mr. Tabish Sarosh, legal panel member, Delhi Minorities Commission (Chairperson).
2. Adv. Ms. Madhvi Sharma, legal panel member, Delhi Minorities Commission
3. Mr. Harminder Singh Ahluwalia, member of the Sikh Advisory Committee, Delhi Minorities Commission.
4. Mr. Gurpreet Singh Bhooi, Journalist, Akaal Channel.
5. Mr. Jasvinder Singh, Journalist, Sikh Channel.

“The Committee has to submit its report within 30 days.

“The concerned police officials and other government authorities are hereby directed to cooperate/assist the members of internal inquiry committee in order to evaluate the loss to the victim and actual findings of the incident.

“The committee members will be entitled to the per-day honorarium for actual work as prescribed by the government of NCT of Delhi for such committees. The committee will also be entitled for reimbursement of actual bills for expenses occurred while doing the work of the fact-finding under this order.

“The inquiry committee will perform the following duties:

1. To investigate the present matter and find out the real cause of the incident.
2. To procure records the statements of the victims and the witnesses.
3. To collect the material of electronic evidences from the witnesses.
4. To evaluate the loss of the victim and his family.
5. To make recommendation for medical assistance and counseling.
6. To make recommendation for compensation for the victim.
7. To make recommendation for communal harmony.
8. To assess the actual loss due to the violence.”

**DMC regulates security frisking of Muslim women and Sikh men:** Delhi Minority Commission came across several complaints from Muslim women and Sikh men about their persecution on the pretext of security and frisking, so much so that affected persons are at times seriously harmed and prevented from attending an examination or test or interview or catching a train when so-called security requirements are used without considering the victims' religious beliefs.

The Commission said in an order that “While security precautions are very much required but the same should not be used to harm the interests of minority individuals, especially students.” The Commission considered this matter and has decided that where certain security arrangements and frisking are required, candidates must be clearly informed in advance that they have to present themselves at the frisking point, say half an hour, before the normal reporting time.

The DMC order said that the frisking staff is fully within its rights to check *hijab* (scarf) of Muslim women and allow them in after making sure that security requirements have been met. Muslim women cannot be denied their religious duty to observe *hijab* (wearing scarf). They must also be allowed to wear full sleeve shirts which the security staff can frisk. This is based on the Kerala High Court order dated 21 July, 2015 in the case W.P. (C) Nos. 21696 of 2015 – J & 21905 of 2015 – K where both *hijab* and long sleeves have been allowed for Muslim women

with the provision that they should be subjected to frisking by staff of the same sex. Judgements of any high court are applicable all over the country.

As regards Sikh males, the Commission said they must be allowed to wear *kirpans* of reasonable length as the Indian Constitution's Art. 25 allows Sikhs to wear *kirpans*. The DMC order said all departments of Government of NCT of Delhi, especially educational institutions, are directed to meticulously observe this direction. The order added that failure to do so will attract legal action by the Commission(11-10-18).

**Notice to Police over attack on madrasa hostel:** Delhi Minorities Commission has issued a notice to the DCP Seelampur to probe and furnish a report about the recent midnight attack on the hostel of Madrasa Babul Uloom in East Delhi while students were asleep.(1-10-2018)DCP North East has informed Delhi Minorities Commission in reply to a notice that as soon as information was received on phone no. 100, a police team reached the madrasa and took the injured student, Shamsher son of Zafrul to GTB Hospital and registered FIR no. 549/18. The case is being investigated from various angles but still the criminals have not been nabbed (4-11-2018).

**Compensation to father of Ankit Saxena:** Chief Minister of Delhi Shri Arvind Kejriwal has accepted the recommendation of Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan, Chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission, to pay a compensation to the father of the slain youth who was killed by a Muslim family members for having an affair with a Muslim girl. The compensation amount is rupees five lakh which will be paid to Shri Yashpal Saxena, father of Ankit. He had made a history of large-heartedness and communal harmony when he appealed to the citizens of Delhi not to vitiate the communal situation of the capital (5-8-18).

**Denial of Sikhs to carry religious symbols into NEET examination halls:** A Sikh citizen complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that Sikhs' religious rights were violated by preventing them from carrying their religious symbols into NEET examination halls. The Commission issued a notice to CBSE which conducts this examination. CBSE has replied that in this much-sought-after examination, copying and leakage of questions has been a problem, therefore all students appearing in this examination are frisked and nothing like geometry boxes, calculators, pens, scales, writing pads etc. are allowed inside the examination halls. Due to such problems, NEET test had to be repeated in the past. A writ petition was lodged about this in the Supreme Court of India in 2015 but it was withdrawn at the order of the apex court. All contestants in this test are informed in advance about the required dress code and they give an undertaking to this effect while downloading their admit cards electronically. Still, students who prefer their traditional dress, are allowed to report one hour before the prescribed time so that they are properly frisked by security people. The CBSE reply added that Delhi High Court ordered on 3 May 2018 in the matter of a writ petition that Sikh students who want to appear in this exam in their traditional dress have to reach the examination hall one hour before the prescribed time so that their *karas* and *kirpans* may be checked and in case of suspicion the same will be kept in the custody of the security people outside the examination halls (22-7-18).

**DMC's general order to all departments of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi regarding dress code for exams/tests/interviews etc.:** The Commission has come across several complaints from Muslim and Sikh minorities about their persecution on the pretext of security

and frisking, so much so that affected persons are at times seriously harmed and prevented from attending an examination or test or interview or catching a train when so-called security requirements are used without considering the victims' religious beliefs.

While security precautions are very much required but the same should not be used to harm the interests of minority individuals, especially students. The Commission considered this matter and decided the following:

1. Where certain security arrangements and frisking are required, candidates must be clearly informed in advance that they have to present themselves at the frisking point say half an hour before the normal reporting time.
2. The frisking staff is fully within its rights to check *hijab* (scarf) of Muslim women and allow them in after making sure that security requirements have been met. Muslim women cannot be denied their religious duty to observe *hijab* (wearing scarf). They must also be allowed to wear full sleeve shirts which the security staff can frisk. This is based on the Kerala High Court order dated 21 July, 2015 in the case W.P. (C) Nos. 21696 of 2015 – J & 21905 of 2015 – K(*copy attached*) where both *hijab* and long sleeves have been allowed for Muslim women with the provision that they should be subjected to frisking by staff of the same sex. Judgments of any High Court are applicable all over the country.
3. Sikhs are allowed to wear *kirpans* of reasonable length as the Indian Constitution's Art. 25 allows Sikhs to wear *kirpans*.
4. All government departments, especially educational institutions, are directed to meticulously observe this order. Failure to do so will attract legal action by the Commission.

(10 October, 2018)

*The above order was sent to all departments of NCT of Delhi and PSUs as well as to colleges and universities in Delhi. Many sent compliance reports.*

**Harassment of elderly Sikh by bank:** An elderly Sikh citizen has complained to the Delhi Minorities commission that he took a loan of one lakh rupees and stood surety for another one lakh rupees' loan by a friend who was to repay both the loans. The Sikh citizen was under the impression that his friend was paying the instalments on both the loans. The said friend expired in 2012. Later, on 17 June 2015, the Sikh citizen for the first time received a letter from the bank to pay the loan alongwith compounded interest. Soon bank agents started visiting his home threatening him to acquire his house and send him to jail. DMC has issued a notice to the bank asking it why it was silent all these years, what efforts it made to recover the loan from the beneficiary and from his wife after his death, when did the beneficiary stop paying the instalments, if the bank staff were sleeping until 2015, what action was taken against them and is the bank ready to accept the remaining principal and forego the interest. DMC directed the bank not to harass the elderly citizen in any way while the case is pending with DMC (22-7-18).

**Insult to noted social worker:** Recently policemen with arrest warrant on behalf of the SC/ST/OBC/Minorities & Handicapped Development and Finance Corporation knocked the door of Maulana Anwar Ali Qasmi, a known social worker of Basti Nizamuddin. It was on account of an "unpaid" loan which was actually paid four months earlier. This insult pained the Maulana. On his complaint, DMC Chairman Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan wrote to the Director of the Corporation to apologise to the Maulana and reprimand the staff responsible for the lapse (14-7-18). The Corporation apologised for its lapse.

**Chicken shop in Mandawli:** Soni Shabnam, a lady of Mandawli, acquired a shop in Allah Colony of the area to start a chicken and fish shop but some people in the area with the alleged connivance of local police did not allow her to start her business. On Delhi Minorities Commission intervention, she was able to undertake required changes in the shop, acquire a water connection as well as a licence from the municipality to start her business but still some locals with alleged police connivance are not allowing her to start her business. Taking a serious view of this prolonged matter, Delhi Minorities Commission Chairman Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan has written to DCP East to help the lady to start her business after she has acquired a licence. Dr Khan further said that stern action will be taken against any police officer “found responsible for obstructing the right of a citizen to carry out her legitimate business” (22-7-18). Meat shop owner’s problems were solved after this notice.

**Notice to DCP, North East Delhi over injury and death of a citizen:** The Commission received a complaint from Shri Mohd. Noor Alam, r/o 407/34 Third Floor, Aukar Nagar – C, Shrinagar, Delhi 110035 saying that his brother Mohd. Asre Alam, 19 years, was found seriously injured near Shahdra railway station on 16-8-18. He was taken by police at 9 p.m. to GTVS Hospital, Shahdra, where he succumbed to his injuries at 2 a.m. same night. The case was registered with the Police Station on platform 1, Shahdra Railway Station where the I.O. is Shri Sunil Kasana. The death was passed off as some kind of an accident. Police claimed, without proof, that he was travelling on train without ticket and hence no case will be filed while the fact is that the deceased was travelling by Metro which is proved by CCTV footage (*record copy attached*). The complainant got suspicious because of the injury on the deceased’s face and also by a phone call from the girl he used to teach (*photo of call record attached*). The girl seemed pleased and relieved when told that Mohd. Asre Alam has died. Later, the complainant visited the family and what they told him also confirmed his suspicion. The complainant says that it was a case of murder by a family where the deceased offered tuition and had told the family that their daughter was having an affair with someone. The photograph of the face of the dead body shows that he was attacked with some sharp object (31 August, 2018).DCP Railways, New Delhi, replied on 4-12-18 saying, *inter alia*, “From the enquiry conducted so far, no foul play has been found on the death of deceased. The deceased was died in a train accident for which enquiries of inquest proceedings u/s 174 Cr.P.C. are being conducted. The call detail records of the mobiles of alleged persons are being analyzed. This may be treated as an interim report. The final/detailed report will be submitted shortly.”

**Notice to DCP South East over burning to Rohingya shanties in Sarita Vihar:** A *sou motu* notice was issued to DCP South District on 20-4-18 to enquire about the fire which gutted Rohingya shanties in Kanchanpura near Sarita Vihar for which Manish Chandela, said to be a member of Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha, claimed responsibility. DCP South East replied on 19-7-18 about the incident, efforts to save the inmates etc but totally ignoring the issue raised by the Commission. The Commission wrote back to DCP South East saying “We had specifically asked you to enquire about the claim of a certain person that he burnt the shanties of Rohingya refugees but you have replied to us about that incident itself. Our concern is only about the claim of that particular person which renders this whole incident a criminal act. You are directed to enquire and report to us only about what we have asked you” (4 August, 2018).DCP South East District replied on 6-10-19, *inter alia*, “The above said complaint is against Manish Chandela, Member of Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha. It is further submitted that the contention of the above complaint has been made part of the investigation. A letter for providing technical assistance related to the Twitter Handle and Facebook account along with relevant documents



of Manish Chandela was sent to District Cyber Cell. The report of the same has been received. The CDR along with CAF of the mobile number involved has also been received. As per the CAF details, subscriber of the mobile number is Mr. Surender Chandila s/o Soraj r/o 184, WZ Block, Khyala Village, New Delhi. A notice u/s 41A Cr.PC is being sent to him to join the investigation. Facts of the case are verified and investigation of the case is in progress. As the undersigned is busy in some law & order and important official exigencies, on behalf of undersigned Sh. S.A.Rashid, Ad/HQ, SED will appear before the Hon'ble Commission to apprise the facts in the matter.”

**Notice to Secretary, Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB) Delhi:** The Commission received a complaint from Smt. Iram Farooqi, r/o 90-B/1, Noor Nagar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi 110 025 that when she went for DSSSB teacher recruitment test on 29-7-18, she was properly frisked but even after that she was not allowed to enter the exam hall because of her head scarf which had already been frisked and checked. *Prima facie* this is a clear violation of the complainant's religious rights. Respondent asked to urgently enquire into this matter, tell DMC how he proposes to compensate the complainant for losing an opportunity to apply for a job for which she is apparently qualified, and file with this Commission a reply explaining what action has been taken on this complaint(27 August, 2018).

## COMPLAINTS REGARDING LACK OF CIVIC AMENITIES

**Notice to Dy. Commissioner of Police South East District:** Shri Moinuddin, a member of the Muslim Advisory Committee of this Commission, brought to its notice that narcotics is being sold and consumed openly in Hazrat Nizamuddin area leading to proliferation of crimes. The complaint named a certain woman who is openly selling smack in the MCD Park of the area(15 January, 2019).

**Notice to Dy. Commissioner of Police South East District and Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation regarding encroachment in Abul Fazal Enclave:** Shri Kauser Usman, r/o E-93, Abul Fazal Enclave- part 1, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 complained to the Commission that there is gross encroachment by shop-owners and traders in 'D' Block of Abul Fazal Enclave- part 1, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi – 110025, so much that they have occupied large parts of the roads making it difficult for pedestrians to move and walk on

the streets of the said area. They also throw about their waste on the roads causing pollution and inconvenience to people and vehicles. Respondent directed to take notice of this nuisance, remove all encroachments and clear roads from illegal occupation by vendors and shop-keepers who should restrict their business to inside their shops (*15 January, 2019*).

**Complaint against New Mustafabad Dispensary:** A number of residents of New Mustafabad have complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that the staff in the government dispensary in gali no. 4 misbehaves with the patients. The lady doctor comes late and goes away early, misbehaves with patients, does not dispense medicines to the patients and threatens them if they complain about her behaviour. DMC issued a notice to the Health Department of Delhi Government to enquire into the matter and file its report (*10-2-19*).

**Issue of Death Certificate:** A lady of Subhash Vihar, Ghonda, complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that despite visiting East Delhi Municipal Corporation for months, she has not been issued the death certificate of her husband who died last September and this is hampering her efforts to settle her problems. On receiving DMC's notice, EDMC called the said lady to its office, completed the formalities and handed over the required certificate to her.

**Problems in securing income certificates:** Sofia NGO complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that people of the North-East and Central districts of Delhi are finding it difficult to obtain income certificates from SDM offices where officers are asking them to produce unnecessary papers. Sofia NGO has attached with its complaint a list of 219 persons who have failed to receive their income certificates. As a result, these people cannot apply for various government schemes. DMC issued a notice to the District Magistrate Revenue (HQ), who oversees the SDM offices in Delhi, to (1) Enquire into what problems people face in obtaining income certificates and solve the same, (2) Provide the Commission with a list of documents required to apply for income certificates, (3) Paste this list on the notice boards of all SDM offices and provide the Commission with photographs of same and (4) Issue clear instructions to the officers manning income certificate counters in SDM offices not to ask for any other paper to issue income certificates (*28-1-19*).

**Notice to District Magistrate Revenue (HQ) regarding income certificates:** The Commission received a complaint from Sofia Educational & Welfare Society, 663, Street No. 6, Old Mustafabad, Delhi 110094, that poor people in the North East and Central districts of NCT Delhi are facing problems in getting income certificates. Officers sitting on counters in SDM offices demand all kinds of papers from applicants. The NGO has provided a list of 219 persons who have failed to receive their income certificates. Respondent directed to (1) set up an enquiry to find out the reasons for these problems with a view to set the system right; (2) Supply to this Commission a list of required documents from applicants of income certificates and the time required to issue a certificate once all specified papers are submitted; (3) display same on all counters dealing with people in all SDM offices across Delhi; (4) provide to this Commission photos of such displays at SDM offices; (5) Issue clear instructions to persons manning such counters at SDM offices that only the specified documents are to be demanded and specify the punishment for officers demanding other unspecified papers from applicants (*15 January, 2019*).

**Notice to the Director/Incharge, District Welfare – Central regarding old age pension:** Smt. Sarwari Begum [wrongly mentioned in your record as Shakri] w/o Shri Sanaullah, r/o 8127, Gali No. 2, Chimni Mill, Bara Hindu Rao, Sadar Bazar, Delhi

110006 complained to this Commission that she applied for old age pension on 5-6-2015 and received acknowledgment from your office vide Id 201528897 dated 12-6-15. Till date the applicant has received no pension despite many promises for same. You are hereby directed to investigate this matter and pinpoint the responsibility for this lax attitude (*26 November, 2018*). Pension of the complainant was started after this notice.

**The reality of loans to minorities:** At the notice of Delhi Minorities Commission, SC/ST/OBC/Minorities & Handicapped Financial & Development Corporation informed the Commission that during the last financial year (2017-18) the Corporation received 18 loan applications from minorities, out of which 16 were approved, one was rejected and one application is still under consideration. The beneficiaries are 14 Muslims and two Sikhs who got loans totalling Rs. 1,550,725. It is clear that these meagre loans to such a small number mean nothing looking at the population of the minority communities in Delhi. This raises questions about the need and justification for such a corporation in NCT of Delhi (*8-7-18*).

**Notice to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital:** Private guards posted at Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital in east Delhi complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that some bonus money was sent by Delhi Government for the employees of the said hospital on the occasion of Diwali but since these guards did not receive anything, they approached the concerned officers demanding their share of the bonus. Instead, they were sacked from their jobs. The Commission sent notices to the medical superintendent of the hospital and Director of Delhi Health Services asking how many guards were sacked after Diwali, on what conditions they were employed, was an enquiry held before their sacking and if so a copy be sent to the Commission alongwith the reply. The Commission also enquired about how much bonus was sent by the Delhi Government to the hospital, for which purpose and how it was distributed (*6-1-19*). The hospital informed the Commission that the guards in question are provided by a private company which is responsible for their salaries and other benefits.

**Okhla Hospital:** Health Department of Delhi Government has informed Delhi Minorities Commission that the consultancy of the proposed Okhla Hospital in Sarita Vihar has been given to Messrs Arcop Associates Pvt Ltd on 8 November, 2018. Once the estimate of the cost is received, it will be sent to Delhi Government and the Delhi Assembly. After their approval, the project will be given to PWD for implementation. The reply further said that it is a time-consuming process and PWD is already burdened by many projects. It may be recalled here that the previous Delhi Government had approved a 100-bed hospital for Okhla to be based in Sarita Vihar but no progress was made. Now, after the notice of DMC, the project has been revived and the strength of the hospital has been raised to 300 beds (*16-11-18*).

## EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

**Notice to Director of Education, Delhi re. forcing students to buy expensive textbooks:** The Commission received a complaint from a parent (Vanita Handa) that Queen Mary's School, Model Town-III, Northend, Delhi-110009 is forcing its students to buy expensive textbooks published by private publishers while there is a Madras High Court order dated 29-5-18 and the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development directive dated 5-10-18 saying that "non-prescribed books" should not be used. Respondent directed to (1) enquire about the prevalence of this practice in Delhi private schools in general and Queen Mary's

School, Model Town-III, Northend, Delhi-110009 in particular; (2) file your reply and action taken report especially in respect of the school in question (*15 April, 2019*).

**Notice to Director of Education, Delhi re. exorbitant fees:** It has come to the Commission's knowledge that the tuition fees charged by private schools alarmingly vary. For instance, there is a school in Jamia Nagar area charging Rs. 2900 per month while similar schools in same area are charging Rs. 1600/month. Respondent asked to let DMC know how are the tuition fees fixed in private schools; is there a mechanism to approve fees in private schools and what your department does if it finds that some schools are charging exorbitant fees? (*4 April, 2019*).

**Notice to Director of Education, Delhi:** The Commission received a complaint from Ms. Reshma Parveen r/o house no. D-135/2A, Gali No. 9, Near Afgani Chowk, Wazirabad village, Delhi – 110084, saying Doe has failed to implement Delhi High Court judgement(s) regarding recruitment of two special educators in each school in NCT of Delhi. Respondent directed to file a detailed reply about (1) what has been done about the implementation of the said High Court order(s), (2) fix the responsibility for negligence, if any, in this case, (3) fix a date by which the said judgement will be carried out (*15 April, 2019*)

**School punished for playing with the future of a student:** A resident of Daryaganj complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that Smt. Durgabai Sr. Sec. School is not allowing his son to attend classes because the student allegedly misbehaved with school staff. The school replied to the notice of DMC and its representatives attended a hearing but they failed to satisfy the Commission that the student committed a grave offence which justified playing with his future. The school also failed to demonstrate that an impartial enquiry was held in the matter although the student was with the said school for the last 11 years.

During the hearing, the school representatives were advised to accept a written apology from the student and readmit him but the school rejected this advice. The Commission took a serious view of this and issued an order to the school (1) to reinstate the said student; (2) not to consider the period from the day of his unjustified expulsion as absence from the school; (3) allow him in all circumstances to take part in the annual examinations. The order also said that in case the school fails to implement this order, the Commission will consider other options including recommendation of any or all of the following: (1) change its Management Committee, (2) derecognise it; (3) stop its government aid, if any. The school has rejected this order also. As a result, the Commission directed the Director of Education, Delhi Government, to take steps against the school in the light of the options mentioned in the earlier order of the Commission. (*28-1-19*)

**Order for chanting Gayatri Mantra in schools:** It came to light that in October 2018 that the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) has instructed its schools to chant *Gayatri Mantra* in morning assemblies. Replying to a notice in this respect, NDMC's Department of Education informed Delhi Minorities Commission that it has issued no "order" to schools to chant *Gayatri Mantra* in morning assemblies, rather it is an "advisory" mentioned in a circular and it is not compulsory (*15-10-18*). DMC again wrote to NDMC that "even an advisory should not be issued for a particular *mantra* of a particular faith in a multi-religious and multi-cultural secular society. In a secular State, we either do not recite any such *mantra* or advise schools to choose, from time to time, appropriate texts from any faith to strengthen communal harmony

and mutual understanding.” DMC further said in its reply, “We hope no such one-sided advisories will be issued in future because, with passage of time, such advisories become sacrosanct and are treated as compulsory which was not intended in the first place.” (31-10-18).

**Yamuna Vihar school to start Urdu next year:** Delhi Minority Commission received a complaint that Govt. Boys Senior Secondary School No. 2 in Yamuna Vihar is not teaching Urdu in class XI. The principal of the said school said in reply to a notice by the Commission that it is not possible to add a subject mid-year. He further said that the school has already started the process to get the necessary permission from the Department of Education and CBSE to offer Urdu in class XI from the next school year (4-11-18).

**Urdu medium school at Shri Ram Colony:** The Education Department of East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) informed Delhi Minorities Commission in reply to a notice that a decision has been taken to start an Urdu medium school in Shri Ram Colony of Rajiv Nagar where Muslims constitute 90 percent of the population and they want to teach their children in an Urdu medium school but the chairman of the standing committee of EDMC recommended that the medium of this school should be English. Now, after consultation with residents of the area and RWAs, the file has been resent to the chairman of the standing committee of EDMC to keep this school as Urdu medium and the file is still with the chairman of the standing committee. DMC has decided to write to the chairman of the standing committee in this respect (4-11-18).

*Shri Ram Colony School building which says it is an Urdu medium school*

**DMC Letter to the Chairman, Standing Committee, EDMC:** Shri Jamaluddin, General Secretary, Rising Initiative For All, H. No. 247, St. No. 6, B-Block, Shri Ram Colony, Rajeev Nagar, Delhi 110090 has complained to this Commission that students in the schools of the area are around 90 per cent Muslim who are desirous of having Urdu medium education but same is not available to them. An Urdu medium



school was sanctioned for the area, its building is ready in Rajeev Nagar (Ward 64 North East Shahadra) and it has already been transferred to the Principal of the Second Shift (Hindi

medium) Primary School in Rajeev Nagar a year ago and still education in Urdu medium has not started and no staff has been appointed/deputed for same. Directorate of Education, EDMC, has informed us that the file is pending with you. Since a majority of the students of the area are desirous of reading Urdu, you are urged to kindly approve their request for an Urdu school in the area and return the file to the concerned department so that same starts functioning at the earliest (*7 November, 2018*).

*Letter to Director (Education), East Delhi Municipal Corporation:* An Urdu medium school was sanctioned for Rajeev Nagar, Delhi 110090 where a large number of people live who are desirous of educating their children in Urdu medium. This school is now ready in Ward No. 64, North East Shahdara but there are attempts to convert it into an English-medium school which is not only against the original plan but also flouts in the face of the local residents' legal right to educate their children in their mother tongue. You are hereby directed not to allow any change in the original plan to establish an Urdu-medium school in the said area...(*7 November, 2018*).

**Notice to Directorate of Education over Gayatri Mantra circular:** Taking *suo motu* cognizance of press reports, Delhi Minorities Commission has issued a notice to the Directorate of Education of North Delhi Municipal Corporation asking it to explain why a circular has been issued to its schools to make students recite *gayatri mantra* in the morning assemblies. The DoE has been asked if this is not against our secular polity and will this not cause division in the ranks of the students and teachers as many belong to minorities who may not like to recite mantras of religious nature (*1-10-18*).

**Notice to Director of Education, North Delhi Municipal Corporation:** The Commission took *suo motu* cognizance of media reports (*e.g., The Hindu* and *Hindustan*, both of 12-9-18) that your department has issued a circular asking students in your schools to recite *Gayatri Mantra* in the morning assembly, which is against the secular nature of our polity and will cause division in the ranks of students and teachers as many belong to minorities who may not like to recite mantras of religious nature.

You are directed to urgently file a reply with this Commission explaining why this circular has been issued, on what authority and does it not violate the secular nature of our polity (*14 September, 2018*).

Earlier in 2017 the Commission had taken notice of a similar issue when the issue of making *Vande Matram* and *Gayatri Mantra* compulsory in the daily assemblies of some Old Delhi schools was solved when Asstt. Director of Education, Chandni Chowk Zone, NDMC clarified that "no such order with regard to reciting *Vande Matram* and *Gayatri Mantra* in schools during daily assembly was issued to any school of CCZ [Chandni Chowk Zone] by the undersigned" (*27-9-2017 – see DMC Annual report 2017-18, p. 90*).

**Cases closed against Rabea School:** Delhi Minorities Commission issued notices to Rabea Girls School of Old Delhi. Rabea School was accused of confining young students for long hours in the school basement for failing to pay fees. Rabea Girls School has replied with photos of the alleged basement saying that the said room cannot be described as a basement as claimed by some newspaper reports. Rather, it is the school's activity room full with toys and fitted with several exhaust fans, therefore it is not correct that the students were subjected to cruelty. The only purpose of the school authorities was to inform parents, when they come to pick their

children, about the non-payment of their wards' dues. DMC has received information from other sources also that the said incident was reported with great exaggeration while the fact is that Rabea Girls School has a good reputation in the area and it has played a historic role in the educational uplift of the area's girls. Hence, DMC closed the case against Rabea School (5-8-18).

### **Notice to the Director of Education (Central) and Principal, Smt. Durgabai Sr. Sec.**

**School:** The Commission received a complaint from Shri Salimuddin, r/o H. No. 687, Chandni Mahal, Daryaganj, Delhi 110002, mobile: 9873279761, that his son Mohd. Areeb is a student of class X-D (Board Class) in Smt. Durgabai Sr. Sec. School but he is being prevented by the said school to attend his classes for the last one month on the plea that he misbehaved with school staff. Since this is a very serious matter and may jeopardise the whole career of this student who is the first in his family to reach this level of education, such treatment is not acceptable. Respondents directed to conduct an urgent enquiry into (a) what are the complaints against the said student; (2) what enquiry has been held, furnish copies of the complaints and the report of the disciplinary committee if any; (3) could this matter not be solved by reprimanding the students and imposing some fine on him. Suffice to say at this stage that this Commission will not allow any institution, educational or otherwise, to play with the lives and careers of our young generation (*5 November, 2018*).

The said school replied to the DMC note vide written submission dated 19-11-18 but it failed to comply with the specific instructions of the Commission in its notice dated 5-11-18. Instead, it gave its version and as supporting documents attached photocopies of some complaints by teachers and notes about two meetings with the parents of the students but without the signatures of the parents. There was no proof that a proper and impartial enquiry was held or that a reliable person from outside the school was asked to join the enquiry.

The Commission held a hearing in the case on 24-12-18 in which two teachers from the school, the student and his parents participated. As the school representatives failed to offer any concrete evidence of conducting an impartial enquiry and only repeated the stand taken in the school's reply dated 19-11-18, the Commission advised them to seek an apology from the parents and give one last chance to the student. The school representatives were told verbally to give an undertaking in writing by 27-12-18 that they accept this proposal, failing which an order will be passed.

The school, through its honorary manager, wrote to the Commission on 27-12-18 saying that its "Managing Committee felt that it is not feasible to allow him [the student] to appear in the examination due to his extraordinary indiscipline issue..."

Since the school has failed to provide any concrete proof of conducting an impartial enquiry, has refused the advice given by the Commission, it cannot be allowed to ruin the career of a student who has been with the school since KG level. The said school and the Department of Education of Govt. of NCT of Delhi are hereby ordered (1) to reinstate the said student; (2) not to consider the period from the day of his unjustified expulsion as absence from the school; (3) allow him in all circumstances to take part in the annual examinations.

In case the school fails to carry out this order in letter and spirit, further action will be considered by the Commission including recommendation to any or all of the following: (1) change its Management Committee, (2) de-recognise it; (3) stop its government aid, if any (*1 January, 2019*).

**Scholarships for orphans - letter to Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare, S4C & ST, Govt. of NCT of Delhi:** “We received a representation from a Jain organisation running an orphanage saying that orphan students living in its care are not able to claim fee reimbursement and scholarships given to poor students of minorities. I wrote a letter about this to the Deptt. for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC to clarify this. Now I have received a bland reply in which this peculiar issue is not addressed.

“Kindly consider this peculiar issue and issue orders to the Welfare Department to accept a statement from any registered orphanage, where an orphan student lives, that the said student is in its care and this statement of the orphanage should be accepted as proof of income for an orphan student.” (2 May, 2019)

*DMC is following up complaints about non-availability of civic and educational facilities in various minority areas of NCT of Delhi like Jafrabad, Chauhan Nagar Bangar, Brahmputri, Seelampur, Shastri Park, Inderlok, Bawana and Aya Nagar in South Delhi Municipal Corporation, New Delhi Municipal Corporation, East Delhi Municipal Corporation and North Delhi Municipal Corporation areas.*

## URDU AND PUNJABI TEACHERS IN DELHI GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

**Notice to Director of Education over TGT posts:** Shri Manzar Ali, r/o B-314, Street no. 13/7, Subhash Vihar, Ghonda, Delhi 110053, has complained to this Commission that he has collected information through RTI applications (*copies provided to this Commission*) showing that there are 1028 sanctioned *TGT Urdu* posts in the Govt. of NCT of Delhi schools but only 57 posts have been filled and 971 posts were lying vacant during 2017-28. Likewise, there are 1023 sanctioned *TGT Punjabi* posts but only 115 posts have been filled leaving 908 posts vacant.

- 1 His RTI applications also show that *TGT Urdu* are sanctioned in 805 Delhi govt. schools while in fact only 284 have been appointed which means that 521 govt. schools do not have Urdu teachers despite sanctioned posts.
- 2 Likewise, in case of *TGT Punjabi* teachers, there are sanctioned posts of such teachers in 1007 schools but in reality TGT Punjabi teachers are appointed in only 282 schools while 725 schools do not have the facility of teaching Punjabi.
- 3 Replies to the complainant's RTI applications also show that in the recent DSSSB recruitment exam, only 213 Urdu and 214 Punjabi posts of TGT teachers were released, which means 971 Urdu and 907 Punjabi posts are lying vacant.
- 4 We find these facts very disturbing at a time when parents keep complaining to us that schools are refusing to teach Urdu and Punjabi languages which is their right under the 3-Language Formula. Respondent is directed to urgently enquire into this matter focusing on the reason for this situation, who is responsible for this mess and how quickly you are going to put it right (10 October, 2018).

Asstt. Director of Education (E-III) replied to this notice on 22-11-18 saying that “details of vacancy position of TGT (Urdu) and TGT (Punjabi) teachers in these schools are as below (as per MIS report) as on 15-11-2018:

Post Name	Allocated Sanction	Filled By Regular teacher	Filled by academy teacher	Filled by Guest Teacher	Net Vacant
TGT Urdu	1028	57	88	312	571
TGT Punjabi	1023	113	128	123	659

The reply further said, “In this regard, it is stated that the promotion of Assistant Teachers of (MCD & DoE) to the Post of TGT/TGT (MIL) are held up as Services Department, GNCT of Delhi, has advised to wait for clarification from Department of Personnel & Training regarding reservation orders. Requisitions for vacant posts have been sent to DSSSB. Once, these recruitments process is completed by DSSSB, the nominated candidates of TGT (Urdu) & TGT (Punjabi) out of these candidates, if otherwise found suitable will be appointed in time bound manner.”

**Punjabi teacher in Core Academic Unit:** Dy. Dir. Edu (Exam) informed the Commission that one post of Punjabi teacher was allocated alongwith other subjects and language teachers for Core Academic Unit but no Punjabi teacher applied to join the Core Academic Unit. Hence there is no mention of Punjabi Teacher having been selected for the Core Academic Unit in the circular dated 6-4-2018. The reply added that “if the selection of the teachers on vacant posts for Core Academic Unit commences in future, selection will be open to teachers of all subjects including Punjabi” (31-5-18).

## WAQFS, DARGAHS

**Notice to CEO/Secretary, Delhi Waqf Board and SDM Mehrauli over waqf property:** Residents of Chattarpur Pahari and village complained to this Commission that Paaray Wali Masjid in Khasra 32 near Andheria Mor Kisan Haat is a gazetted waqf property (copy of gazette notification attached). They claim that unauthorised persons have occupied this land and are selling part of it. The complainants further said that they have complained repeatedly to the Delhi Waqf Board but no action has been taken so far. Both respondents directed to enquire into the matter and file their respective replies (9 April, 2019). Revenue Assistant/SDM Saket replied on 1-8-19 that “no unauthorised person/persons are residing in the said mosque. Hence as per Halqua Patwari there is no occupancy in this Masjid.”

**Notice to Dy. Commissioner of Police North East District over threats to loudspeakers in mosques:** Shri Islam President of RWA and Mohalla Sudhar Samiti/Alamgiri Mosque East School Block, Mandaoli Fazalpur, Delhi-110092 complained to the Commission that a case against his and other mosques in the area was filed in NGT by some organisation for alleged violation of the sound level. The NGT has issued two orders in this case dated 19-9-17 and 14-2-19 in which authorities have been asked to ensure compliance of the respondents to the allowed sound levels. The area SHO (Madhu Vihar) has got loudspeakers of two mosque in his area (Madina Masjid, Madhu Vihar and Alamgiri Masjid, Mandauli, East School Block, Allah Colony) taken off on verbal orders, without any justification. The respondent (DCP East) was directed to get the loudspeakers of the said two mosques re-installed without any delay in view of the approaching Ramzan month. He was also

directed to ensure compliance of all loudspeakers in his area to the allowed levels of sound (30 April, 2019). DCP East District replied on 29-6-19 saying that a complaint was made to the NGT praying that directions be issued to curb noise pollution caused by various Masjids mentioned in the complaint. Order was issued by NGT on 24-11-18 to Madina and Alamgiri masjids under Section 8 of Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules 2000 for compliance of law relating to loudspeakers as violations were reported by CPCB... Accordingly, presidents of Masjids were booked under Section 5/15 of the Environment Act...Representatives of mosques informed police that they have removed the loudspeakers "on their own"...The reply added, "No direction for the removal of speakers has been given by the police. The presidents of Masjids have been directed from time to time to follow rules regarding use of loudspeakers in pursuance of Hon'ble NGT orders (in which Masjids were made respondents) and guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court and High Court in this regard."

**Notice to CEO/Secretary, Delhi Waqf Board re. Parliament Street Mosque:** The Commission received a complaint from Maulana Mohibullah Nadwi, Imam, Jama Masjid opp. Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110001 saying with proofs that he is being arbitrarily transferred as imam to some other mosque in Delhi although (1) Delhi Waqf Board *vide* a resolution in 1985 decided that imams of three mosques including the complainant's will not be transferred; (2) that the complainant was specifically appointed for Jama Masjid opp. Parliament Street after a press advertisement and interview in 2005; (3) that his appointment was regularised on 3-5-2006; (4) hence his transfer from the said mosque is arbitrary and illegal. Therefore the Commission issued the following order to CEO/Secretary, Delhi Waqf Board: "You are hereby directed (1) to keep on hold any such transfer order until further direction from this Commission; (2) explain in writing why the complainant is sought to be transferred to another mosque; (3) desist from imposing a committee comprising of outsiders in the said mosque and, if needed, appoint a committee only of persons regularly offering prayers at the said mosque." (28 March, 2019).

*Subsequently the Commission issued the following Order to DCP Central District regarding Parliament Street Mosque:*

"A case is pending in this Commission against Delhi Waqf Board which is seeking to illegally transfer Maulana Mohibullah Nadwi, Imam of Jama Masjid opp. Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, from the said mosque despite the fact that he was specifically appointed as the imam of the said mosque only. A copy of our notice to Delhi Waqf Board is attached.

"You are directed to refuse any police help if the Delhi Waqf Board asks for your help to illegally and forcibly dislodge Maulana Mohibullah Nadwi from the said mosque.

You are also directed to provide police protection to Maulana Mohibullah Nadwi and his family members residing at the said mosque, if he or his family feels threatened and seeks your help and protection" (27 May, 2019).

**Notices re. Shah Kamal Mosque and Dargah to Secretary/CEO, Delhi Waqf Board; Director General, Central Public Works Department; Secretary, New Delhi Municipal Council and General Manager, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL) regarding occupation of Masjid & Dargah Shah Kamal:** Maulana Intisar Siddiqui r/o Kalali Bagh Masjid Compound, R.K. Ashram Marg, New Delhi 110 001, mobile: 9311039782, 9650186115, on behalf of a committee of Muslim residents near Masjid & Dargah

Shah Kamal at Peshwa Road, Gole Market, New Delhi, has complained to this Commission that CPWD is trying to usurp this Waqf land registered with Delhi Waqf Board gazette page 308-09 dated 16-4-1970, that Delhi Waqf Board is not taking steps to protect this land nor registering the said committee of residents so that it may take action, that MTNL has installed an illegal mobile tower on this land, that NDMC has installed illegal jhulas on this land. DMC said in its notices:

Delhi Waqf Board is directed to (1) file a reply about its role in this dispute and nature of the concerned land and (2) to register the committee formed by the residents near the said waqf land if the same is registered with DWB.

PWD to reply how and under what right it is trying to annex the land.

NDMC to reply how and with whose permission it has installed jhulas on this land.

MTNL to (1) reply how and with whose permission it has installed a mobile tower on this waqf land, (2) get the installation regularized by Delhi Waqf Board and pay DWB the rent for the whole period since the said mobile tower was installed (*18 February, 2019*).

**Notice to Secretary/CEO, Delhi Waqf Board re. Masjid Keekarwali:** Shri Mohd. Idrees, Moazzin, Masjid Keekarwali, Kucha Chelan, Darya Ganj, New Delhi – 110002 complained to the Commission that he was appointed as moazzin at the said mosque on 1-5-16 but his salary was stopped in October 2016 although he continues to discharge his said duties as moazzin at the said mosque to this day. He claims that he has been told that he will be re-appointed in that post. DMC directed Secretary/CEO, Delhi Waqf Board to submit to the Commission a report about this dispute, (2) release his salary withhold since October 2016. (*18 February, 2019*)

**Notice to Director, Board of Technical Education:** Shri N. K. Philip, President, Holy Christian Society, D/5/497, Ratiya Marg, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi – 110080 complained to the Commission of bias at the Board of Technical Education your institution against Christian students by way of repeatedly causing their failure in examinations in one subject which ruins their future. The respondent directed to (1) supply a community-wise list of all students who passed your exams since 2012, (2) a community-wise list of all students who failed in their exams since 2012, (3) explain why the complainant's RTI requests have not been replied. (*18 February, 2019*)

**Notice to DCP North West:** Shri Iqbal Khan s/o Mahfooz Khan, r/o 142 Masjidwali gali, Bhorgan, Narela, Delhi 110040 complained to the Commission that an attempt to start a riot in Narela area is being made by one Kuldeep who has threatened to demolish the mosque, and on 9-2-19 gathered a mob of some 400-500 and brought them in front of the house of the complainant where they raised slogans and abused the family of the complainant with a view to start a communal riot. The complainant has named three persons as the leaders of this attempt to start a communal riot in the area. The complainant further claims that these people have threatened to gather in front of the mosque on Fridays and stop people from entering the mosque to offer prayers. DCP North West directed to (1) enquire about this matter, especially about the roots of the problem, (2) who gathered a crowd, (3) what action was taken against the leaders of the mob, (4) what precautions have been taken to prevent this in future. DCP North West was further directed to (1) provide protection to the complainant and his family members

and (2) ensure that prayers take place as usual at noon every Friday in the said mosque (*18 February, 2019*).

**DMC Chairman's letter to Shri Amanatullah Khan, Chairman, Delhi Waqf Board re. cases lost in courts due to laxity in follow-up:** "It is common knowledge that a number of Delhi waqf properties were lost in the past due to *ex parte* decisions by courts because cases were not properly followed up. I will be grateful if a list with details of all such cases is provided to us so that we may study the same and see if something can be done to retrieve those properties. I am enclosing herewith five copies of a study on Delhi qabristans we have just published. Kindly take it seriously and try to retrieve what has been lost and protect what is still with us. Also please find enclosed a copy of the Delhi Minorities Commission's report for 2017-18 (*17 January, 2019*).

**Notice to Secretary/CEO, Delhi Waqf Board re. harassment of Muezzin:** The Commission received a complaint from Shri Ejaz Ahmad Qasmi, Mu'azzin, Masjid Khanam, Angoori Bagh, Near Lal Qila, Delhi 110006 (previously Mu'azzin, Masjid Kaka Nagar, New Delhi), that he is being victimized by your staff, that he has been erroneously transferred from Masjid Kaka Nagar to Masjid Khanam, Angoori Bagh, on the basis of unsubstantiated complaints by people with vested interests, that this is causing undue harassment to him since his children are studying in schools near Kakanagar under EWS category. Secretary/CEO, Delhi Waqf Board directed to conduct urgent enquiry and reply to the following issues in particular (1) why the said Mu'azzin has been transferred to another Masjid away from the area where his children are going to school; (2) what is the nature of complaints against him, enclose copies of complaints, (3) was an enquiry conducted in the matter and if so enclose copies of the enquiry report(s), (4) How many Imams and Mu'azzins keep their families in the premises of the mosques they serve, attach list, (5) why the salary of the said Mu'azzin has been stopped since July while he has been continuously serving in Kakanagar mosque and now in Masjid Khanam; who is responsible for the order to stop his salary. Secretary/CEO, Delhi Waqf Board was further directed to forthwith release the arrears of the said Mu'azzin and regularize his salary while you prepare your reply (*24 December, 2018*). After a number of notices, DWB wrote to the complainant on 7-3-19 that his honorarium is released and services as Moazzin will be continued to Masjid Angoori Bagh.

**Humayunpur tomb in South Delhi:** SHO Safdarjang Enclave Police Station conducted an enquiry about placing idols of Krishna and Radha inside the tomb, and filed a report which is as follows: "Enquiry into the matter was conducted by local police and noticed that there was white wash in white and saffron colour around the tomb. One stone was affixed over front gate of the tomb in which 'Bhola Shiv Mandir Dharmarth Trust (Reg.) June 1971' is engraved. On enquiry it has also revealed that idol of Krishna and Radha was placed inside the tomb on 12 March 2018. Some persons stated that there was a temple instead of tomb and temple came into existence since 1971. They further stated that renovation work of the temple completed with the help of residents of village Humayunpur around three months ago. They also stated that earlier Shiva Ling was installed inside the property. On 12 March 2018 with the consent of local resident idols of Radha and Krishna placed inside the temple in which several local persons have participated and at that time no one has raised any objection. Beat staff stated that gates of tomb/temple were found locked and they never saw any devotee who used to visit the temple for worship, however a Bhandara was organized by local resident in first week of March [2018] and it came to their notice that idols of Radha and Krishna was also placed. Enquiry also

conducted from Ms. Radhika Abrol Phogal and Mr. Shailender Singh Monty, present and Ex. Councilor of area respectively, both stated that people used to visit inside the temple for worship. Enquiry was also conducted with the other residents of Humayunpur who stated that idols of god Shiva was there from the past several years and they used to worship at that temple." About security provided to the tomb, the SHO report said: "No security had been assigned at the said tomb, however Sh. Kulanand Joshi Special Secretary of ACL was requested to deploy a guard at the premises with the direction to provide necessary police assistance when required. Beat/Division staff has also been directed to keep strict watch over the property in question." It further said replying to the DMC query if any enquiry has been held: "Local enquiry at Police Station level and no incriminating evidence came on record against any one." In reply to DMC query "What action has been taken against the people who illegally converted a notified heritage site into a temple?", the SHO report said: "Enquiry conducted so far it has revealed that local resident of Humayupur has placed idol of Lord Krishna and Parwati on 12.03.2018, however as per statement of local resident there were idol of Lord Shiva and Shiv Linga before renovation the site. "In reply to DMC query "What steps are being taken to reclaim the structure to its original shape and purpose," the SHO report said, "The tomb/temple is closed and no prayer/religious activities has been carried out inside the premises and status quo is maintained as requested by Department of Archaeology, Govt. of NCT of Delhi because the matter is to be decided by the Religious committee" (30-8-18). (*For earlier developments, see the DMC annual report 2017-18, p. 103*)

## MOSQUES, QABRISTANS, CHURCHES, GURUDWARAS& TEMPLES

**Notice to Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority and Secretary/CEO, Delhi Waqf Board regarding Millennium Park qabristan:** The Commission received a complaint from Shri Intizar Naeem, Asstt. Secretary, Jamaate Islami Hind, D-321 Dawat Nagar, Abul Fazal Enclave, part 1, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi 110025 saying that the 14-acre qabristan on the Ring Road, adjacent to the Millennium Park, was granted by the Government of India vide a registered memorandum of agreement between the President of India and the Management Committee of the New Cemetery for Mohammedans, Kotla Ferozshah, on 19-9-1964. It was supposed to be demarcated by DDA but the same has not been done till date as per the complaint. Both respondents directed to conduct urgent enquiries into this matter and file report about (1) the reason for this delay, (2) who is responsible for the delay, and (3) when the same is expected to be completed (19 December, 2018). *DDA informed DMC that "the demarcation of land for new Cemetery for Mohomedans near Millennium Park ISBT Sarai Kale Khan has been a matter of discussion since the Development of Millennium Park. The matter was pursued and a demarcation was carried out in the year 2014 with the help of officers of L&DO, Lands Department, Planning Department of DDA & Representative of Waqf Board of Delhi. The representative of Waqf Board disagreed with the inclusion of Nallah, Shanti stupa in the site under reference. The demarcation was carried out in compliance of the directions of National Commission of Minorities dated 01 August, 2013.... The L&DO department was thereafter requested to provide original plan of land under reference and refix the date of demarcation so that grievances of Waqf Board may be settled. The last letter has been written on 11.01.19 and reply is still awaited.... The decision on a fresh demarcation is to be taken by L&DO and DDA will be ready to assist as and when required" (14-1-19).* DWB is yet to reply.

**Chairman DMC's letter to Smt. Ranjit Kaur, Member, DSGMC regarding her reply to DMC notice:** "The Commission is in receipt of your reply dated 10-1-2019. The Commission rejects your reply and its attitude. This Commission is a statutory body which does not need the approval of anyone outside the Commission. The notice issued to you is based on a press report. You are required to reply to the questions raised in our notice dated 7-1-2019 (*18 January, 2019*). Instead of replying to allegations made by persons from her own community the said respondent is complaining here and there to stall the investigation into allegations against her.

**Chairman DMC's reply to Shri Subhash Chand, Assistant Director (Vig.), Directorate of Vigilance re. Ms. Ranjit Kaur (see above):** "The complaint you have forwarded to us from Ms. Ranjit Kaur, Sr. Vice President, DSGMC, HOD, MAS Section, is not tenable. *Prima facie*, there are serious charges made against her by persons of her own community to this Commission. The case is being pursued and justice will be done. Her complaint to you should be filed, and she should be advised to cooperate with the Delhi Minorities Commission in the said case instead of beating about the bush (*21 May, 2019*).

**Notice to The Director, Archaeological Survey of India over demolition of school:** The Commission took *sou motu* cognizance of media reports (e.g., *The Indian Express*, 9-9-18) that your department while doing face-lifting work in Purana Qila, demolished an old school despite objections by various quarters. You are directed to urgently file a reply with this Commission explaining why this seemingly illegal act was committed; were there students in the said school and if so, how they have been accommodated (*14 September, 2018*).

**Notice to Director General, CPWD and CEO, Delhi Wakf Board:** The Commission took *sou motu* cognizance of the reports about a boundary wall being erected on a waqf land as published in some newspapers on 12 September 2018 (e.g., *Rashtriya Sahara*, *Inquilab* and *Hamara Samaj*, all dated 12-9-18) and the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission personally visited the place, *viz.*, *khasra* no. 484 adjacent to DPS Mathura Road and Madina Masjid, to see for himself what was going on, the respondents are directed to reply to (a) on what basis the boundary is being erected; (b) what is the purpose of the boundary (M Khan of Sunder Nursery present on the site told Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission that the land will be given to Sunder Nursery); (c) is it correct that the land belongs partially to Delhi Waqf Board and if so why DWB failed to contest the case in the Hon'ble Delhi High Court; (d) What is the next step of DWB to protect its land as claimed by it according to press reports; (e) what is the strategy of the DWB to protect the adjacent plot of land which is at present occupied by jhuggies. Director General, CPWD and CEO, Delhi Wakf Board directed to urgently look into the matter and file a clear reply, with any proof, with this Commission (*12 September, 2018*).

In reply to a notice sent by Delhi Minorities Commission regarding the waqf land adjacent to Delhi Public School Mathura Road, Delhi Waqf Board (DWB) replied that as soon as it came to its knowledge on 11 September, 2018 that a boundary wall was being constructed by the CPWD on the strength of an order passed on 5-4-2018 by the High Court in the contempt petition no. 519/2012 in the absence of the DWB, the Board took immediate steps and promptly filed three applications challenging the construction of the wall. The matter was mentioned before the Chief Justice on 12-9-18 and got listed for early hearing on 13-9-18 at 2 p.m. before Hon'ble Justice VV Kameshwar Rao. The three applications were (1) seeking permission to intervene under Section 92 of Waqf Act 1995, (2) seeking modification of the order dated 5-4-18 wherein the statements of the counsels for the L&DO and the Petitioner

were recorded and whereby the Hon'ble Justice Kameshwar Rao directed the CPWD to expedite the construction of the wall at the land in question; and (3) seeking maintenance of the *status quo*. The matter was heard continuously for two days but the Court did not accede to the submissions of the DWB counsel and the Judge directed that "if the applications are not withdrawn, adverse observation *qua* all the 123 properties will be passed and the application will be dismissed." Therefore, the applications were withdrawn. The Judge was of the opinion that DWB should raise its objections/grievances, if any, before the Two-Member Committee. The said property is part of the 123 properties which were denotified on 5-3-14 and are subject matter of writ petition filed by Vishwa Hindu Parishad and the High Court order dated 20-8-14 to maintain its *status quo*. As a result, a one-man committee was constituted to look into the denotified 123 properties. This committee submitted a report to the government which rejected it and formed a two-member committee which is yet to start functioning. A copy of the rejected report was not provided to DWB. Now DWB has filed a contempt appeal under Section 19 of the Contempt of Courts Act against the order dated 5-4-18 passed by the Judge to start construction of the wall at the said property adjacent to DPS Mathura Road (9-10-18). *Executive Engineer, CPWD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi replied that* "(a) The boundary wall at Govt. Sunder Nursery around the vacant land has been constructed as per direction of Hon'ble Delhi High Court and as per demarcation received from your office; (b) The purpose of construction of boundary wall is to protect the vacant govt. land from unauthorized encroachments" (25-1-19).

**Notice to Secretary, Delhi Waqf Board and SDM Mehrauli:** Shri Muhammad Hasan and Shri Muhammad Arif of Madrasa Darussalam Husainia Jama Masjid, Son Burj, Main Road, Mehrauli, New Delhi 110 030 complained to the Commission that Deen Mohammad and Jubair Ahmad, illegal occupants of a part of the property of Delhi Waqf Board bearing khasra no. 1151/3 (1665) Masjid & Graveyard, Property Hall in the Mosque, Son Burj, Village Mehrauli, New Delhi 110 030, continue to occupy the said property despite orders of the CEO of Delhi Waqf Board and SDM Mehrauli. The last order was issued by SDM Mehrauli on 30-7-18 (ref. F. No. 2/73/The./Meh/2018-19/96 ordering the duo to vacate the property within 15 days but the same was not complied with. You are directed to urgently enquire into this matter and file a report with this Commission about the matter, your efforts to vacate the property and why CEO Waqf Board and SDM Mehrauli orders till date have not been complied with and what you are going to do in this respect (6 September, 2018). SDM Mehrauli informed the Commission on 19-10-18 that the said property has been vacated on 17-9-2018 in the presence of Revenue staff, Delhi Waqf Board and Eviction Cell (DWB) and same has been sealed and handed over to Delhi Wakf Board.

**Notice to Secretary, Delhi Waqf Board over Shahi Eidgah:** Shri Mohd. Iqbal, President, RWA Eidgah Road, Motia Khan Residence Welfare Association, 11124 Eidgah Road, Motia Khan, Delhi 110055 complained to DMC that the Shahi Eidgah suffers from lack of cleanliness, that people in the area are not pleased with the committee appointed for the Shahi Eidgah, that all the three gates of the Eidgah require chowkidars, that gardeners (*mali*) should be appointed to take care of the parks and proper lights should be installed to deter anti-socials and criminals from gathering there at night. Secretary, DWB was directed to urgently enquire into this matter and file a report with this Commission about the matter and how he plans to take care of the basic needs of this historic place (6 September, 2018). A hearing was held about this complaint on 16 July 2019 after which DMC issued the following order same day saying: "Delhi Waqf Board is ordered to (1) post security guards on all the three main gates of the Eidgah; (2) make the Qaumi School responsible for security and cleanliness in its area; (3) write letter to BSES to

remove the illegal and unauthorized electricity meter installed on a wall of the Shahi Eidgah; (4) constitute its own managing committee to manage the affairs of the Shahi Eidgah. DWB is given one month's time to implement the above orders and file action taken report by 14 August, 2019, after which, if needed, a further hearing will be called."

**Notice to Secretary, Delhi Waqf Board:** The Commission received a complaint from Khawaza Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Khaki Battya Manav Sewa Samiti, T-429 W. No. 8, Auliya Masjid, Khasra No. 217-1151/3, 869, 870 Gosiya Colony, Mehrauli, New Delhi 110 030 that a plot of land on khasra 1665/11/51/3 was leased from Delhi Waqf Board by one Shri Manani Miyan some years back to build a *musafirkhana* and a *barat ghar* etc on the land for use by general public. He built a two-storey building on that plot of land but failed to use it for the purpose of lease. Now a number of persons have occupied parts of that property according to the complaint. The complainant asks that the said property should be utilized for the purpose for which it was leased and also a board of Delhi Waqf Board be installed there. Secretary DWB was directed to urgently enquire into this matter, arrange the use of the property for which it was leased and file with this Commission a reply explaining what action has been taken on this complaint (31August, 2018).

**Notices issued to some members of Delhi Gurudwara Committee:** Acting on the complaint of a Sikh citizen, Jasmeet Singh, Delhi Minorities Commission issued notices to 19 members of the Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (DSGPC) to reply to the complaint which alleges that they violate the DSGPC Act which clearly clarifies who is a "Sikh" and says that only a genuine Sikh can become a member of the DSGPC. The complaint alleges that the said members colour their hair, cut it, consume alcohol and have not tasted "Amrit" while some follow gurus after the last Guru (Guru Granth Sahib). DMC has also received complaints about large-scale financial irregularities and fraud in DSGPC, for which notices have been issued. DMC has clarified that it has not taken any action against DSGPC *per se* but against some of its members about whom serious allegations have been made that they do not follow the Sikh tenets, hence they are not qualified to be members of DSGPC as per the Act (6-4-2019).

#### **Notice to Secretary/CEO, Delhi Waqf Board and Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia re.**

**upkeep of Hakeem Ajmal Khan's grave:** The Commission received a complaint that the grave of Hakim Ajmal Khan, the great freedom fighter and a former chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, situated in Naiwala, Karol Bagh, Delhi 110006 is in a bad condition, which is a disgraceful matter. The place apparently belongs to either Jamia Millia Islamia as it is located in its erstwhile campus in Karol Bagh, or to Delhi Waqf Board. The DMC notice said



that it has come to the knowledge of this Commission that Delhi High Court had passed an order around 30 years back holding Delhi Waqf Board responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the grave of Hakim Ajmal Khan but seemingly that order was never implemented. The notice directed the respondents to urgently enquire in this matter and let the Commission know what action is/will be taken to preserve and maintain the grave of this great freedom fighter and benefactor of the country. Delhi Waqf Board to also reply about the said Delhi High Court and supply a copy of the judgement if a file exists in the board containing same (*6 January, 2019*). Jamia Millia Islamia informed DMC that “the grave of Hakim Ajmal Khan, situated in Naiwala, Karol Bagh, Delhi 110005, is not under control of the Jamia Millia Islamia. Hence, its maintenance and upkeep is not our arena” (*18-1-19*).

**Notice to Shri Manjit Singh GK, Head of the Committee/ President, Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (DSGPC):** The Commission took *suo motu* cognizance of reports published in *Navodaya Times*, *Punjab Kesari*, *Punjabi Tribune* (all of 10-10-18). The notice said that (a) 82,000 copies of a book were purchased for 18,000 students in different schools run by DSGPC; (b) that you are directly involved and responsible; (c) that one printing company involved in this matter is bogus; (d) that a prominent Sikh personality has alleged that by this way 38-40 lakh rupees have been swindled; (e) same Sikh personality has alleged that Rs 60 lakh were swindled earlier in the name of development of Rakabganj Gurudwara; (f) that you were instrumental to buy 50 Safari suits for your personal bouncers at the rate of s 6000 per suit from the company of your daughter, M/s Renbi Clothing Pvt Ltd. Respondent directed to reply to the above allegations with proof supporting your replies and mentioning how the alleged acts conform to the DSPGC Act 1971(*12 October, 2018*). Despite various reminders the respondent has failed to reply to the notice. Instead, he has been complaining to various Delhi Govt. authorities about this notice. He has been advised to reply to the allegations.

**Relief to Gurudwara:** Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Inderlok, complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that people park their private and commercial vehicles in front of the gurudwara which inconveniences both visitors and management of the religious place. DMC took action in this matter. DCP North District informed the Commission that all vehicles have been removed from the front of the gurudwara and a policeman has been posted there to ensure that there is no encroachment on the gurudwara land (*2-3-19*). DCP North Distt. informed DMC on 1-2-19 that “all the vehicles have been removed near Gurudwara Sri Guru Sabha, Inderlok. Presently no encroachment/unauthorised vehicle is parked adjacent at the Guruduwara, Inderlok. One police person has been deputed at the Gurudwara to keep this area free from encroachment.”

**Lal Masjid:** Continuing its intervention in the matter of Lal Masjid off Lodhi Road, Delhi Minorities Commission asked CRPF to file a current status report about the mosque and adjacent *mazar* and graves. Director General of CRPF has informed the Commission that as per the order of the Delhi High Court the *status quo* at the land, occupied by the force on 20 May 2017, has been maintained and this includes the graves within the fenced area. CRPF said that it did not cut the mosque’s electric supply or interfered with it. It further said that the said land does not have a water connection and CRPF people on the land are getting their water supply through tankers. CRPF also said that no path leading to the mosque has been blocked and that the mosque opens directly on to the main road (*22-7-18*).

*Delhi Minorities Commission statement on CRPF attempt to take over Lal Masjid and adjacent graves:*  
Delhi Minorities Commission (DMC) condemned CRPF's attempt on 26 February, 2019 to take over Lal Masjid and adjacent graves in CGO Complex area. The matter is sub-judice in Delhi High Court and even if the verdict goes in the favour of CRPF, it will have no right to demolish the mosque and the adjacent graves which are on a gazetted waqf land.



DMC Chairman Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan visited the mosque on 27 February, 2019 to understand the position. He assured the Imam and moazzin of the mosque that DMC stands with them and they should contact it if there is any further trouble. Dr. Khan said in a press statement that the Tuesday attempt to forcibly occupy the mosque and adjacent graves is a violation of CRPF's own written undertakings given to DMC saying that it will safeguard the mosque and the graves. CRPF had sent three replies during 2017-18 in response to notices of DMC saying that the mosque and the graves are safe and that it has no intention to harm them. DMC has sent replies of CRPF and their attached papers to the Delhi Waqf Board which is legally looking after the mosque and the graves. DMC has assured DWB of any possible help from its side should need arise (27-2-19).

*DMC letter to Director General, Central Reserve Police Force over Lal Masjid:*

"We are surprised to see an escalation from your people regarding the Lal Masjid and graves situated on the corner of the compound occupied by your forces. Last Tuesday, your force tried to take over the whole mosque and graves area despite the fact that the case is sub-judice and

your office though three replies sent to this Commission on 10 October, 2017, 10 May, 2018 and 5 July, 2018 to this Commission had assured us that the mosque and adjacent graves are safe. We want to know what has changed during these few months since your last reply so much so that your people have tried to occupy the mosque and the adjacent graves on Tuesday, 26 February, 2019. We will consider further action after the receipt of your reply to this letter" (28 February, 2019).

*Letter to Shri Amanatullah Khan, Chairman, Delhi Waqf Board regarding Lal Masjid:*

"I am sorry to know that CRPF people tried to occupy the Lal Masjid and adjacent graves in the CGO Complex area on Tuesday. CRPF had sent us three replies assuring us (Delhi Minorities Commission) that the Lal Masjid and adjacent graves are safe. I am sending you copies of their replies as well as the reply of DCP South, in the hope that same will be helpful to your case against the CRPF in this matter" (28 February, 2019). (For earlier developments, please see DMC Annual Report 2017-18, pp. 96-99)

**Qadri Masjid of Jahangirpuri:** Office-bearers of Jahangirpuri's Qadri Masjid approached the Delhi Minorities Commission complaining that some people in the area are objecting to the channel-gate in front of the mosque and want to get it dismantled by MCD with the help of the local police. The North West Distt. DCP, Aslam Khan IPS, conducted an enquiry and has informed the Commission that the channel-gate in question has been erected on public land and is troubling road-users, hence there is no legal basis for the insistence of the mosque committee to retain it. The DCP has also said in his report that "if such kind of practice is allowed for the installation of iron gate/channeliser near the religious places on public land, then every such religious place may start to install gates near/around their premises." He further said in his report that a force will be provided to remove this gate when and if MCD asks for it. DMC chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan appealed to Muslims that in cases of mosques and madrasas they must take extra care to obey the law and must not build their facilities illegally on public land which only tarnishes the name and image of our community(8-7-18).

**Dargah Khwaja Syed Ibrahim:** The municipal water connection of the Dargah Khwaja Syed Ibrahim inside the polo ground next to Rashtrapati Bhawan was disconnected years ago. Despite many efforts, the connection was never restored. Delhi Minorities Commission tried hard to solve this problem. Now the Civil Engineering Department of New Delhi Municipal Corporation has informed DMC that laying a pipeline to the Dargah for a single consumer is not possible but the NDMC is ready to provide water through tankers if a syntex water tank is installed at the Dargah (6-1-19) (For earlier developments, please see DMC Annual Report 2017-18, pp. 100-101).

**Fidayee Khan Mosque and Madrasa:** A Muslim had erected a *jhuggi* against the wall of Fidayee Khan Mosque and madrasa in Sarai Rohilla. On complaint by the mosque authorities, MCD with police help demolished the illegal structure. Later, the same Muslim person erected a temple on the spot and started prayers there with the help of some local people. Mosque people again tried to get the illegal structure removed but failing to get this done, approached Delhi Minorities Commission which issued notices to the area DCP a number of times and called them for hearings but they did not take it seriously. Now the Commission took a serious view of this careless attitude, passed strictures against the concerned officers and asked Delhi Police Commissioner to take disciplinary action against them. Now the said officers came scurrying to the Commission, tendered an apology and asked for a grace period of 15 days to

get the illegal structure removed and erect a police booth on the spot. After the passage of the grace period, police has again approached the Commission with a request to write to the concerned MCD commissioner. The request was accepted and the Commission has directed the concerned MCD commissioner to cooperate with police in removal of the illegal structure (6-1-19).

*DMC Order re. Fidayee Khan mosque:* “A hearing was held on 9 November 2018 in the Commission in the case filed by Shri Mufti Zahuruddin Qasmi of Al-Jamiyatul Islamia Al-Arabiya Qasimul Uloom/Fidayee Khan Masjid, 13/C Vivekanand Puri, Sarai Rohila, New Delhi 110 007 that an illegal jhuggi erected by one Yusuf Saifi and his sons Azhar and Ayub against the mosque’s wall was dismantled by MCD/police last July after which they installed a *moorti* at the place and started *pooja* in a makeshift mandir erected on the footpath against the Masjid wall. With passage of time this illegal structure will become a constant source of friction and tension in the area as it will be built illegally on the footpath against the mosque’s wall.

“A notice was issued by this Commission on 6 August, 2018 to DCP North to file a reply by 17 August, 2018. No reply was received after which a last and final reminder was sent to the same officer on 12-9-18 to file a reply by 21-9-18. Still no reply was received. Thereafter, the said officer was called for a hearing on 16-10-18 but he/she did not attend or file a reply or request to be given another hearing date. A final hearing order was sent on 25-10-18 to the said officer to appear before the Commission today, 9-11-18. Even today he/she did not turn up nor sent a reply or request for hearing on some other date.

“The Commission strongly reprimands this officer (DCP North Delhi) for this unbecoming behaviour of an officer and insult to a statutory body, and directs Commissioner of Police Delhi to initiate disciplinary action against the said officer and also to make an entry to this effect in his/her service record and inform the Commission of same by 9 December, 2018.

“The Commission hereby orders DCP North to remove the above-mentioned illegal structure on a footpath and against the mosque wall and send a compliance report by 7 December, 2018, failing which further legal action will be taken by the Commission (*Issued on 26 November, 2018*).

*Letter to Dy. Commissioner City S. P. Zone re. Fidayee Khan mosque:*

“This Commission has issued an order on 26-11-2018 to the DCP North to remove an illegal construction against the wall of a mosque in Sarai Rohila (*copy attached*). The Police have informed us that they need your help to carry out this direction. You are hereby directed to give Delhi Police timely help to carry out this order.” (*7 January, 2018*)

*Order issued to DCP North and Dy. Commissioner, City S.P. Zone re. Fidayee Khan mosque:*

1. An order was passed by this Commission on 26-11-18 to DCP North, to remove illegal structure erected against the wall of Al-Jamiyatul Islamiatul Arabia Qasimul Uloom, Masjid Fidayee Khan, 13/C, Vivekanand Puri, Sarai Rohilla, Delhi – 110007. The order was to be executed by 9-12-18.
2. Area DCP and SHO appeared before the Commission on 6-12-18 and assured it that the said structure will be removed within 15 days and a police booth will be erected in its place. The assurance was accepted and DCP North was given 15 days’ time.

3. An officer of Delhi Police appeared before the Commission on 4-1-19 and requested that a letter in this matter may be sent to Commission, City S.P. Zone, MCD. Accordingly, a letter was sent by the Commission on 7-1-19 to Commissioner, City S.P. Zone, DMC.

4. Two and a half months have passed since the order was passed and still there is no intimation from both of the respondents that the order of the Commission dated 26-11-18 has been executed.

5. This order is a final warning to both the respondents to execute the order within one week.(19 February, 2019)

**Khirki Masjid is safe: ASI:** Information came in recent weeks that the name of the historical Khirki Masjid in south Delhi is being again and again erased from its signboard and that some local people are claiming that it is in fact a fort of Maharana Partap Singh. Archaeological Survey of India has responded to a notice by the Delhi Minorities Commission in writing as well as through oral deposition by the ASI Superintendent of Delhi Zone, assuring DMC that the monument is safe and that it enjoys the status of a protected monument since 1915. The Superintendent further said that the ASI is fully aware of the historical importance of this mosque; that the name of the mosque has been written again on the signboard, protection of the mosque has been strengthened and soon a stone plaque will be installed at its entrance. Moreover, ASI has started the repair of the mosque. The Superintendent said there is nothing in our records to support the claims about the mosque and if something comes to our notice officially we will refute it. He replied to a question by the Commission about prayers not being allowed in some mosques, that ASI maintains the position found at the time of taking over any monument. If prayers were being offered in a mosque when ASI took it over, the same is continued as per the ASI Act (4-11-18).

**Notice to Delhi Police over Bijwasan Mosque:** Miscreants regularly created trouble outside the Bijwasan Jama Masjid in south west Delhi during Friday noon prayers, do not allow outsiders to pray in the mosque and oppose if people prayers spill over to the pavement outside the mosque. The miscreants have also forcibly taken down the mosque's loudspeaker. At DMC's instance, police has been alert in the area recently during Friday prayers but still miscreants continued their mischiefs. Therefore, DMC issued a notice to the DCP of the area to investigate the matter and take legal action against the miscreants (23-10-18).

**Bijwasan Mosque issue solved:** DCP South West District has informed Delhi Minorities Commission that the Bijwasan village dispute over its mosque has been solved with the mutual agreement of the local Hindus and Muslims. He said that the Imam of the mosque Molvi Lal Muhammad and Pardhan of the Muslim community Shabbir Khan have informed the police that now there is no dispute and no one is preventing anyone from offering *namaz*. The DCP said in his report that the elders of the village from both communities solved the issue and now there is no problem, hence the case should be closed (16-11-18).

**DMC gets illegal occupants of waqf property removed:** Some residents of Mehrauli complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that two persons, viz., Deen Mohammad and Zubair Ahmad, are illegally occupying a waqf property which is part of a masjid and qabristan at khasra 3/1115 (1665) at Son Burj, Mehrauli village. Despite Delhi Waqf Board and SDM Mehrauli orders, the duo were staying put. DMC directed SDM Mehrauli to get the property

vacated and hand over the same to the Delhi Waqf Board. The order was duly complied with and the property has been handed over to the DWB. (1-10-18)

**DMC notice to DCP North East over Brahpuri mosque:** Taking *sou motu* cognisance of a “settlement” over the issue of a mosque in lane 8 of Brahpuri in East Delhi, Delhi Minorities Commission issued a notice to the DCP North East asking him about the legal position of the plot of land involved and if there is any legal problem about building a religious place there. The minority panel notice has asked why the “settlement” says that the place will not be turned into a mosque or madrasa; that no construction will be made on the site; that only 16 elderly persons will be allowed to offer prayers at the place; that the names and IDs of such persons will be provided to the police; that no person from outside the lane will offer prayers or hold a programme there and that no loudspeaker will be used in the said mosque. DMC has also asked in its notice what is the justification of these conditions and are they not totally against the freedom of religion guaranteed by the Constitution of India (Articles 25-28)? The notice further said, what authority the Police have to curtail these freedoms and show partiality to a belligerent party which is adamant to curtail the religious rights of a group allegedly with Police backing, so much so as threatening to throw one party into jail for long years? According to press reports, motorcycle-borne youth from outside the locality have been running around in the area. DMC notice has asked DCP to reply what action has been taken against these outsider elements adamant to vitiate the communal situation in the area. (31-8-18)

**Notice to DCP South District:** Shri Nafish Mansoori, Secretary, Jama Masjid & Madrasa Talimul Quran, C Block, East of Kailash, New Delhi 110065and others complained to the Commission that a masjid was erected at the vacant land adjacent to the DJB Drains in 1978. In 2003, jhuggi dwellers of the area were shifted while the mosque remained. The mosque committee started some construction inside the mosque boundary on 5 Feb., 2017 when a heavy contingent of police descended on the place and stopped construction. Ever since there is a police picket outside the mosque while regular five-time prayers are held there. The committee people have tried to know the exact nature of the complaint and who is the complainant but they have been denied this information. Respondent was directed to conduct an enquiry about this matter and submit to us alongwith your report copies of the original complaint and any related paper. (24 July, 2018)

**Notice to DCP, North East Delhi:** The Commission took *sou motu* cognizance of media reports about a dispute over a mosque in Brahpuri, Gali 8 (property no. C-76/4) and has obtained a copy of the agreement signed by the two parties under Police mediation amid apparent coercion against the Muslim side on 28-8-18.DCP, North East was directed to urgently enquire into this matter and file a report with this Commission and reply including the following points: (a)What is the legal position of this plot of land? (b) Is there any legal problem if a place of worship is construction on it?, (c) Why the said agreement says that the place will not be turned into a mosque or madrasa; that no construction will be made on the site; that only 16 elderly persons will be allowed to offer prayers at the place; that the names and IDs of such persons will be provided to the police; that no person from outside the Gali will offer prayers or hold a programme there; that no loudspeaker will be used in the said mosque. What is the justification of these conditions and are they not totally against the freedom of religion guaranteed by the Constitution of India (Articles 25-28). What authority the Police have to curtail these freedoms and show partiality to a belligerent party which is adamant to curtail the religious rights of a community allegedly with Police backing, so much so as threatening to

throw one party in jail for long years? According to press reports motorcycle-borne outsiders have been running around in this area, spreading hate. What action has been taken against these outsider elements adamant to vitiate the communal situation in the area (*30 August, 2018*).

## SCHOLARSHIPS, RE-IMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND STATIONERY HELP

**Numbers of scholarships in 2018-19:** Department of Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities informed DMC that a total of 7258 applications were received from minorities in the three state-funded schemes for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities, which is a sharp decline compared to the last year's figures which were meagre compared to the numbers of minority students in the NCT of Delhi (*please see last year's figures on p. 106 of the DMC annual report 2017-18*). The 2018-19 numbers are as follows:

Sr.	Scheme Name	Total Applications Received	Total no. of applications approved	Total number of scholarships disbursed	Total number of scholarships rejected
1.	Reimbursement of tuition fee to minority students	7258	3359	2533	64
2.	Financial assistance for purchase of stationary to minority students	7114	3707	Under process of payment	79
3.	Scholarship/Merit scholarship for minority students (I to XII class)	7176	3027	Under process of payment	60

*(Received from the Deptt for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities vide letter no. F.11)72)SCH/T.F/DSCST/2016-17/part1/11874 dated 25-9-19)*

DMC has been asking Department of Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities about the reasons for rejections and community-wise breakup of the applications but so far no clear replies have been received. It is a matter of extreme concern for DMC that lesser number of minority students have applied/received minority scholarships and reimbursement of fees, despite many awareness camps held by the Commission in many areas of minority concentration where parents were encouraged to apply for this scheme of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi and thousands of leaflets about this scheme in particular were distributed. Welfare Department should find out the real reasons for the reluctance of minorities to apply for this scheme. It may be helpful to also allow off-line applications since a vast majority of parents of EWS families are not properly literate, let alone be computer-savvy.

## LETTERS TO GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL ADVOCACY

*DMC Chairman and Members wrote many letters to various members of Delhi, Central and state governments and departments. Some of letters are mentioned under various headings above; some others are as follows:*

### **Persecution of civil rights activist in Telengana**

23 May, 2019

Shri K. Chandrashekhar Rao  
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Telengana  
Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana

Respected Sir, I have read with alarm and disbelief that Mr. Lateef Mohammad Khan, a gazetted head master in a Govt. High School has been placed under suspension for allegedly questioning you for unfulfilled promises to the people of your state.

Mr. Lateef Khan, besides being a teacher, is also a reputed human rights activist known in India and abroad. Moreover, as a citizen of a free and democratic country, he is entitled to speak his mind. Rather, he should be encouraged to do so. Telangana should be proud of having such citizens who stand out and act as the conscience of the people.

I think the said action has been taken by some overzealous officer who is oblivious of the democratic rights of a free country.

It is my request that the misplaced action against Mr. Lateef Khan is withdrawn and his services to the human rights in Telangana and beyond are recognised.

Thanking you,  
Yours sincerely,  
Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan

### **Salary/honorarium for Jain pujaris**

9 May, 2019

Shri Manish Sisodia  
Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister  
Govt. of NCT of Delhi, New Delhi

Dear Mr. Sisodia,

We have received a representation from Betiya Foundation, an NGO empanelled with this Commission, about the needs of the purohits / pujaris of Jain mandirs in NCT of Delhi. They have no steady source of income. It is suggested that a way should be found to start a monthly salary or honorarium to these men of religion who are manning temples and offering service to the Jain community. This may be done through the Welfare Department.

It is also brought to our notice that many Jain temples in NCT of Delhi require urgent repairs. You are requested to kindly issue an order to the Deptt. of Archaeology, Delhi, to undertake this work.

Thanking you,  
Yours Sincerely,  
Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan  
Chairman, DMC

### **Harassment of octogenarian in South 24-Parganas**

9 May, 2019  
Superintendent of Police, South 24 Parganas  
Unnamed Road, Alipore Police Line, Alipore  
Kolkata, West Bengal 700027

Sir, A resident of Delhi has complained to this Commission that her 80-year old widowed mother, Smt. Taslima, living in village No.4, Garnkatti, Neemtalla, South 24-Parganas under thana Kultalli, is being harassed by some people in an adjacent village. Allegedly, this is taking place with the connivance of the local police. The goons have reportedly attacked the elderly woman a number of times and are threatening to kill her. They are also preventing the elderly woman to take care of her agricultural farms, leading to loss of crops. Reportedly, the elderly woman has lodged a complaint with the local police but no action has been taken.

Kindly look into the matter and if the complainant is genuine take action against the goons instruct local police to protect the elderly women and file an action-taken report with this Commission.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan  
Chairman, DMC

### **Harassment of teacher in Uttarkashi**

4 July, 2018  
Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand  
4 Subash Road, Uttarakhand Secretariat, Fourth Floor, New Building,  
Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248001

Respected Sir, The whole nation, rather the world, has watched with deep sympathy how Ms Uttara Bahuguna, principal of a school in Naugaon, Uttarkashi, was shabbily treated at a recent janata darbar held by you. Sir, you hold a high office and people look up to and hold high hopes of persons like you to set an example for others to follow.

May I respectfully suggest that the said teacher may be transferred to a place of her liking in the last years of her service, especially that she has already spent over ten years serving in a remote area and also because her husband is no more and she is the head and caretaker of the family.

I hold high hope that you will set a memorable example of magnanimity and kindness by acceding to the reasonable request of the aggrieved teacher. People will remember your magnanimity for long.

With best regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan

### **Implementation of Sachar, Misra recommendations in Delhi**

20 March, 2019  
Shri Arvind Kejriwal  
Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Govt. of NCT of Delhi, New Delhi

Respected Sir, UPA-II had appointed a high-level committee headed by Justice Rajinder Sachar which presented its report in 2006 saying that the Muslim Community's condition in some respects is worse than the SC/ST communities. It suggested various measures to redress this situation and also recommended reservation for the Muslim minority due to its abject condition. The UPA-II Govt. willy nilly adopted some recommendations of the Sachar Committee and set up a commission headed by the former Chief Justice of India, Justice Ranganath Misra, to look into the demand for reservation. The Misra Commission subsequently recommended 15% reservation for all minorities including 10% for the Muslim community excluding the creamy layer. Misra Commission report, presented in May 2007, was placed in the cold storage by the UPA-II.

It is our strong recommendation that Govt. of NCT of Delhi should come forward and implement the recommendations of the two reports in full in NCT of Delhi. This will convey a great message about your government and party among the minorities in the country who form over 20% of the population.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan  
*Encls. One copy each of Sachar and Misra reports*

### **Effort to uproot Uttarkhand Muslim village**

Muhammad Israr of village Madhopur Hazratpur, Tehsil Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar, complained to the Delhi Minorities Commission that Uttarkhand Government is hell-bent to uproot the whole village although it is 200-300 years old and the current inhabitants are direct descendants who built this village. Yet these hapless villagers are not being heard in Uttarkhand. Hence Israr Ahmad of the village has written to DMC asking for help. Since the matter is beyond its jurisdiction, DMC Chairman Dr. Zafarul-Islam Khan has written to the heads of both the National Human Rights Commission and the National Commission for Minorities seeking their intervention to protect these villagers (29-7-18).

### **Letter for the release of an elderly prisoner**

Dr Habib Ahmad Khan of Mohalla Kaharon Ka Adda of Rae Barielly remains incarcerated in Jaipur jail for the last 25 years on charges of terrorism. His age is 87 now. His 77-year-old wife Qaisar Jahan is spending her last days hoping to see her husband before she dies. Dr Habib is accused of giving funds to a terrorist, a charge he denied in court saying that his confession was obtained by torture.

Now Delhi Minorities Commission Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan has written to the President of India, Prime Minister, Governor of Rajasthan, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court and the Union Home Minister requesting them that this elderly person may be released on humanitarian grounds so that he may spend his last days with his family.

DMC Chairman has said in his letter that he is ready to personally stand surety for the bail of the said elderly prisoner. Dr Khan wrote in his letter, "Your humanitarian gesture will go a long way to wipe the tears of a family which lost its guardian and bread-winner at a time they needed him most. Now, as he is about to breathe his last, let him die peacefully in the company of his ailing wife, children and grandchildren. I am sure 25 years in jail is enough to satisfy the spirit of justice as he was found guilty only of a secondary crime even though he recanted his confession later, saying in court that it was obtained by torture." Dr Khan further said in his letter, "I am hopeful that your large heart will respond to this humanitarian appeal. Your positive gesture will be welcomed by millions of people in this country and will stand proof that humanity and magnanimity still stand supreme in our country" (14-7-18).

### **DMC condemns the killing of Sikhs and Hindus in Afghanistan, holds condolence meeting and writes to the Afghan government**

Delhi Minorities Commission held a condolence meeting in its conference hall where ISIS and similar terrorist organisations were severely condemned and described as a blot on Islam and humanity. Speaking on the occasion, DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan said that such criminals have no place in Islam or among Muslims. Whole humanity and all Muslims curse them and pray to God to put an end to this scourge on earth. He expressed his sympathies with the families of the martyrs and hoped that the Government of Afghanistan will ensure the safety of the life and properties of all its citizens, especially non-Muslim minorities. DMC members Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms Anastasia Gill also spoke on this occasion. The meeting prayed for the Sikhs and Hindus martyred in this terrorist attack and called upon the Government of Afghanistan to properly compensate their families and provide safety and security to all Sikhs and Hindus living in Afghanistan.

DMC also sent a memorandum to the Government of Afghanistan through its embassy in Delhi saying that it has taken a grim note of the terrorist incident in Jalalabad. DMC has asked the Government of Afghanistan to ensure the safety of all Sikhs, Hindus and other minorities in Afghanistan and to pay a proper compensation to the families of the martyrs in the Jalalabad terrorist attack. DMC condemned this terrorist attack and hoped that the Government of Afghanistan will soon arrest the terrorists and punish them as they deserve so that Sikhs and all other minorities in Afghanistan may lead a life of peace and security (4 July, 2018).

## **Letter for support to an extraordinary athlete (1)**

24 June, 2019

Shri Arvind Kejriwal

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi

I am writing to you regarding an extraordinary citizen of Delhi who, despite his infirmity, is now a world-class para power lifting champion. He is Shri Joginder Singh Saluja, r/o 24-A, Pocket A, Dilshad Garden, Delhi 110095, mobile: 9716690929, 9990768116). Shri Saluja is a role model for us in India as his serious disabilities did not prevent him from achieving what even physically fit people fail to achieve. He is a national award winner (2010) and a world ranking holder (14<sup>th</sup> in the world and 9<sup>th</sup> in Asia in the 2013 Malaysia Asian Open Championship). With due and timely support, he can go a long way and make us, Delhi and India, proud.

Shri Saluja is going to participate in the World Para Powerlifting Championship to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, during 9-21 July, 2019. His official expenses will be Rs 145,600 in addition to out-of-pocket expenses during the visit of around Rs 50,000.

Since Shri Saluja will not be able to bear these expenses himself, I strongly recommend to the Government of NCT of Delhi to help him meet these expenses from the CM Relief Fund so that Shri Saluja may participate in this world event and bring laurels for our country.

I hope a quick and positive decision is taken so that Saluja may participate in the World Para Powerlifting Championship.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan

## **Letter for support to an extraordinary athlete (2)**

22 October, 2018

Shri Arvind Kejriwal

Hon'ble Chief Minister

Govt. of NCT of Delhi

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In order to get right training and exposure, he needs to participate in international events so that he may get the needed exposure and due training to participate in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

We strongly recommend to the Government of Delhi to fully sponsor him for these events or at least reimburse his actual expenditure needed to participate in these events.

I hope a quick and positive decision is taken so that Saluja may devote his time and attention to the huge task awaiting him in the Tokyo event. He has made us proud and the Delhi Minorities Commission will confer upon him a special award during its annual conference soon. Govt. of NCT of Delhi may consider to choose him as an icon of Delhi to motivate our youth and teach them that, despite all odds, they can achieve almost anything in life with dedication and effort.

With best wishes,  
Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan

(Copies sent to Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Govt of NCT of Delhi and Shri Rajendra Pal Gautam, Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare, SC/ST & Minorities, Govt of NCT of Delhi)

### **Letter for support to an extraordinary athlete (3)**

22 October, 2018  
Shri Hardeep Singh Puri  
Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development  
Govt. of India, New Delhi

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With best wishes,  
Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan  
*Encls.*

## DMC AWARDS 2018

Delhi Minorities Commission started a scheme of awards from the year 2018 to honour, encourage and promote good work in society. These awards are given to top minorities achievers and those doing good work for minorities and societies. NGOs, communal harmony and human rights awards are also given to majority community people. The categories of the awards are: Academic excellence, Excellent teachers, Outstanding schools, Supporters of minorities, Champions of communal harmony, Champions of human rights, Community service, Journalists of substance, Excellent NGOs, Promoters of Urdu and Punjabi, Sportsmen and sportswomen of substance and Special Awards.

Students achieving highest ranks in high school and senior secondary examinations in 2018 include Aisha Shamim of Rabia Girls School of Ballimaran, Ishwinder Kaur of Mata Gurjari Public School, Jeanne Maria D'Souza of Mount St. Mary School and Disha Jain of Jain Bharti Mrigavati Vidyalaya. They also include Shahnaz and Rozi, inmates of Bachchon ka Ghar, an orphanage, who despite their adversity passed senior secondary examinations with flying colours.

Supporters of minorities included Jamia Cooperative Bank, Dr Zafar Mahmood (President, Zakat Foundation), Robin Hibu IPS, Japji Foundation and Jain Sadhvi Samta Shri.

Champions of communal harmony included Mufti Mukarram Ahmad, Faisal Khan (*Khudai Khidmatgar*), Acharya Lokesh Muni, Prof. Vipin Tripathi, Swami Agnivesh, Maulana Imdadul Rashidi of Asansol who prevented a riot after the murder of his young son, and Sub-Inspector Gagandeep Singh of Nainital who at the risk of his life saved a Muslim youth from the clutches of a mob.

The Champions of human rights awardees included the former ANHAD managing trustee Ovais Sultan Khan, John Dayal, Colin Gonsalves and Ravi Nair.

Recipients of Journalists of Substance included Anto Akkara, Farzan Qureshi, Gulzar Ahmad and Novy Kapadia.

Winners of Excellent NGOs include Ahimsa Vishwa Bharati, Business & Employment Bureau of Hamdard Foundation, Indian Social Institute and Roshan NGO.

Awardees of Promoters of Urdu and Punjabi included Sanjiv Saraf, Gyani Tarsem Singh, Hakim Syed Ahmad Khan and Farooq Argali.

Awards for sports went to Joginder Singh Saluja and Eric Paul who suffer from disability yet have made a name nationally and internationally. They also include Rijwana Khan, a mountaineer, who is dreaming of conquering Everest one day.

Recipients of Special Awards include Afrin Shaikh, daughter of an autorickshaw driver in Ahmedabad who topped in Gujarat board this year. Another recipient is Sama Shah, daughter of Shabir Shah, who was the topper in J&K board this year. Awardees under this category also include Bachchon ka Ghar, an orphanage in Daryaganj two of whose inmates topped in the senior secondary exams in 2018 (*please see <https://tinyurl.com/DMC-2018-Awards> for full list of awardees*).

These awards were presented at DMC's annual conference held at Vigyan Bhawan on 17 December 2018 in which Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel and Revenue Minister Kailash Gahlot and Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam and former Planning Commission member Dr Syeda Saiyidain Hameed were guests of honour. During this conference, DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan, presented a report about the Commission's work during the past year while AMU political science Professor Aftab Alam delivered a keynote lecture on minority rights in the national and international perspective. *Below are some photos of the awards presentation during the annual conference.*



*Musharraf Husain,  
President of Roshan NGO  
accepting shield and  
certificate during the  
annual function on 17  
Dec. 2018*

*International para weight lifter Joginder Singh Saluja receiving his award during the  
DMC annual function on 17 Dec. 2018*



*Syed Rafiq Ahmad receiving the award for the Human Welfare Foundation during the DMC annual function on 17 Dec. 2018*



**Promise redeemed:** DMC Chairman presenting award to Ms. Aqsa Sikandar who had missed an earlier opportunity to get award despite securing 100 percent marks in Urdu in her higher secondary exams in 2017. Chairman DMC had promised her that she will get an award if DMC starts awards scheme





*Sohail Saifi getting best NGO award for his Softia NGO*



*Advocate and social activist Paramjit Singh Khurana receiving the award on behalf of Mata BeantKaur Edu. & Welfare Association*

*Buddhist monk Bhikku Ashwagosh accepting the award on behalf of Bhadant Anand*



*Mrs Rukshana Shroff, professor of English at Lady Shriram College accepting her award “Teacher of Substance”*



*Shafi Dehlvi of  
Mission Taleem  
accepting award  
for “Supporter of  
Community”*

*Mrs Farah Sajid, Principal, Anglo-Arabic Model School, accepting award as  
“Teacher of Substance” (Below)*





*Mrs Kerman Mehta, author, lyricist and music teacher accepting her award as "Teacher of Substance"*

*Simonil Jassawala accepting her award for securing 96.75 per cent marks in high school exams (below)*



*Jain spiritual leader Acharya Lokesh Muni receiving his award for promoting Communal Harmony*



*Noted human rights activist Maja Daruwala of CHRI receiving her award for promoting human rights*



*Dr Nahid Usmani, Principal of Rabia Girls Public School, receiving the award for her school*



*Ayesha Shamim of Rabia Girls School accepting her award for academic excellence for securing 97.6 per cent in high school exams*

*Jasbir Singh Bajaj,  
Additional Chief  
Secretary/Resident  
Commissioner of Tamil  
Nadu in Delhi,  
accepting his award for  
community service*



*Faisal Khan of  
Khudai  
Khidmatgar, an  
indefatigable worker  
for communal  
harmony, receiving  
his award*

*Dr Jaswinder  
Singh, Principal,  
Sri Guru Tegh  
Bahadur Khalsa  
College, DU,  
receiving his award*





*Archbishop of Delhi Anil Couto receiving his award for communal harmony*



*Sadhvi Samta Shri of Manav Mandir receiving her award for supporting minorities*

*Adv. Masroor Hasan Siddiqi receiving a special award on behalf of Bachhon ka Ghar/Bachhiyon ka Ghar*



*Para athlete and motivator Eric Paul receiving his award for excellence in sports*



## OTHER ACTIVITIES / INFORMATION

- a. National and various communities' festivals are celebrated at DMC in which Commission members, staff and advisory committees members participate.
- b. DMC meetings are held whenever a requirement arises or decisions taken by rotation of files.
- c. Old advisory committees of DMC have been mostly retained while new members have been added on recommendation of DMC Members, or MLAs, or by recommendation of existing advisory committees' members or when any application received directly was found appropriate by the Chairman or Commission Member. At present, DMC has Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Jain and Buddhist advisory committees. There is no Parsi Committee at present and efforts are continuing to find appropriate representatives of the Parsi community in Delhi to be co-opted in the Parsi advisory committee. There is hope that soon we will have a Parsi advisory committee at the DMC.
- d. The previous NGOs panel has been retained while new NGOs are being accepted as members by recommendation of Commission members or when applications received directly are found appropriate. NGOs should be at least three years old and working in Delhi. They have to apply enclosing a copy of their registration papers, three years' audit and activity reports. As per the advice of the minority committee of Delhi Legislative Assembly, all Delhi MLAs were asked to nominate members of advisory, NGO and peace panels.

**Visit of IAS trainee:** An IAS trainee paid a whole day visit to DMC on 12 April, 2019 for training and to understand the work of DMC and problems of minorities. They spent time with the Chairman and Members trying to understand the problems of the minorities and work of DMC.

## PUBLICATIONS

**MUSLIM GRAVEYARDS IN DELHI:** This report commissioned by DMC shows that as per records, there are 704 Muslim graveyards in various part of the National Capital Territory. Out of these existing graveyards, only 131 are functioning now and even out of these, a total of 16 graveyards are under litigation and therefore they are not functioning. These also include 43 graveyards which have been encroached upon by various entities. Most graveyards are small, measuring 10 *bighas* or less; 46 per cent have five *bighas* or less. Very few graveyards were developed in the recent past despite the growing need due to the increase in the population as a result of the natural growth and immigration from other, especially rural, areas of the country.

*Title: Problems and Status of Muslim Graveyards in Delhi*

*Year of publication: 2018. Pages: 102.*

To read visit: <https://tinyurl.com/DMC-Graveyard-2018>

### Problems and Status of Muslim Graveyards in Delhi



a report



**DELHI MINORITIES  
COMMISSION**  
GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI

### Status & Problems of Christian cemeteries in Delhi



a report



**DELHI MINORITIES  
COMMISSION**  
GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI

**CHRISTIAN CEMETERIES IN DELHI:** This report commissioned by DMC organisations studies the current situation of Christian cemeteries in NCT of Delhi and proposes solutions to the problems like lack of space, encroachments and land grabbing. It proposes installation of cell-like structures inside the cemeteries to accommodate more bodies within the limited spaces available. This option has been working well in many southern states of India; underground construction could be explored where underground cemeteries are feasible; use of vertical graves in cemeteries should be explored to accommodate more bodies. This is being applied in St. Thomas Cemetery in Tughlakabad, Delhi.

*Title: Status and Problems of Christian Cemeteries in Delhi*

*Year of publication: 2018. Pages: 80*

To read visit: <https://tinyurl.com/DMC-cemeteries-2018>

**MINORITY RIGHTS:** This is the keynote address by Prof. Aftab Alam of the Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University at the annual conference of Delhi Minorities Commission at Vigyan Bhawan on 17 December 2018. It encapsulates the national and international perspectives on minority rights.

*Title: Rights of Minorities*

*Year of publication: 2018. Pages: 29*

<https://tinyurl.com/DMC-Minority-Rights>

**ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018:** This annual report like the previous years offers a glimpse of the work of the Commission during the previous year. It includes government policies and schemes for minorities, a bird's-eye-view of the implementation of various schemes, Commission's own work and proceedings as well as recommendations for the betterment of the conditions of the minorities in the NCT of Delhi. A unique part of the report is a survey of the minorities' representation in government departments and PSUs across NCT of Delhi.

*Title: Annual Report 2017-18*

*Year of publication: 2018. Pages: 152*

<https://tinyurl.com/DMC-Annual-Report17-18>

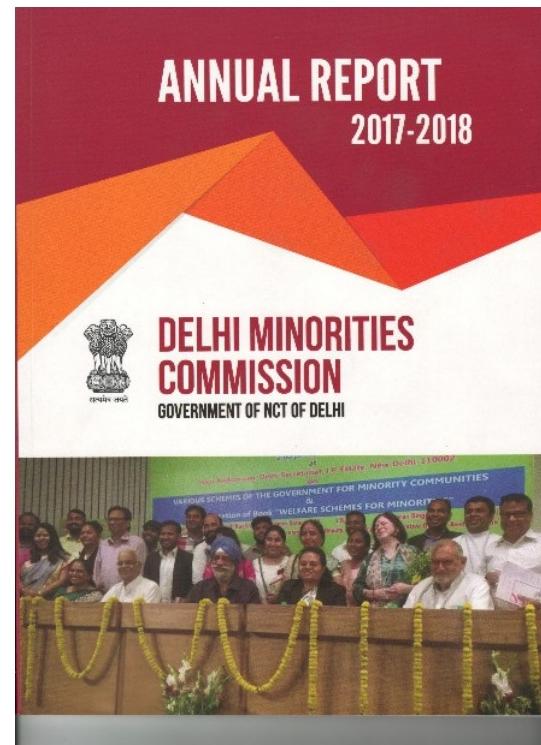
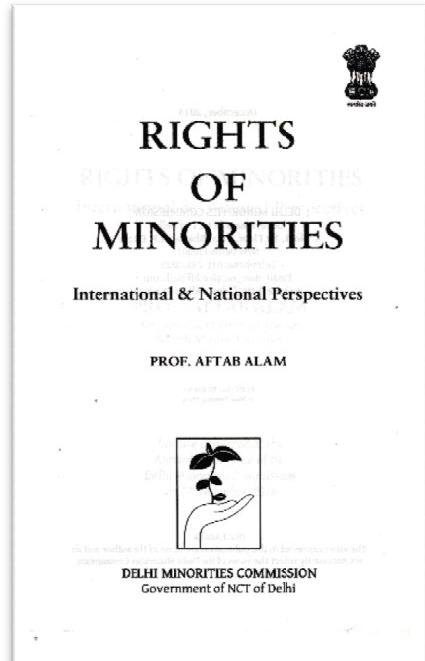
The current Commission, after taking over on 20 July, 2017, also published the following:

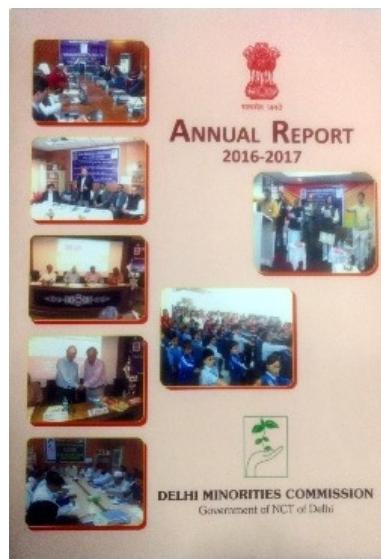
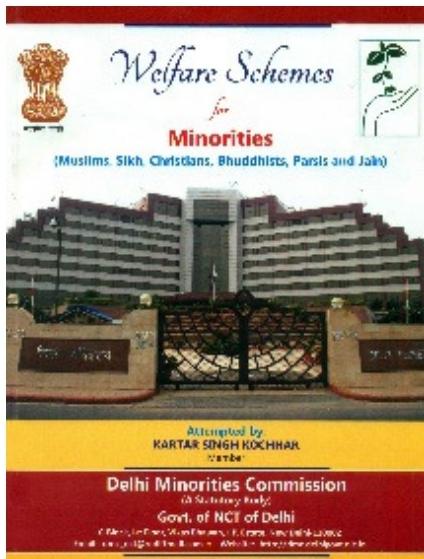
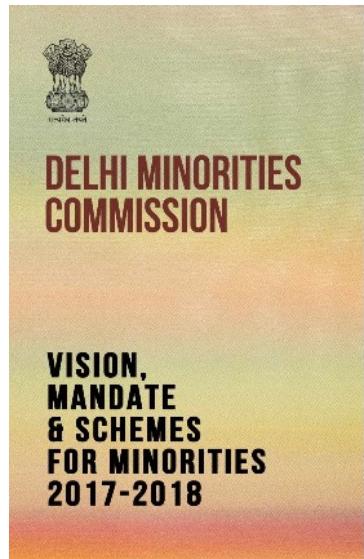
**DMC Annual Report 2016-17** (51 A4 pages). It is about the work of the previous commission but could not be published because its tenure ended on 3-3-2017.

**Delhi Minorities Commission: Vision, Mandate & Schemes** (78 pages). It is an introduction of the Commission and various schemes for minority students offered by the Central and Delhi state governments.

<https://tinyurl.com/DMC-Vision>

Commission Member KARTAR SINGH KOCHHAR on his own initiative has published **Welfare Schemes for Minorities** (96 A4 pages). It has all the details about Central and state educational, training and loan schemes for the minorities.





## EARLIER PUBLICATIONS OF DMC:

- Sample Survey of economic, social, political and educational status of EWS Christians in Delhi
- The Status of Punjabi and Urdu languages in the administration and schools in Delhi
- A study on Education of Muslim children in Delhi: the dynamics of decision-making and possible modes of interventions to promote their educability
- A final report on Survey of madrasas in Delhi under madrasa modernisation programme
- Analysis report as part of Final Report of Survey of the Minority Girls Students in concentrated area of North East especially in Jafarabad and Okhla in public schools/Govt.schools (2011):

These reports can be downloaded from DMC website: [http://dmc.delhigovt.nic.in/wps/wcm/connect/doit\\_dmc/DMC/Home/Survey+Study+Report](http://dmc.delhigovt.nic.in/wps/wcm/connect/doit_dmc/DMC/Home/Survey+Study+Report)

## DMC ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Report 2008-09, Annual Report 2009-10, Annual Report 2010-11, Annual Report 2011-12, Annual Report 2012-13, Annual Report 2013-14, Annual Report 2014-15, Annual Report 2015-2016, Annual Report 2016-2017:

- [http://dmc.delhigovt.nic.in/wps/wcm/connect/doit\\_dmc/DMC/Home/Annual+Report](http://dmc.delhigovt.nic.in/wps/wcm/connect/doit_dmc/DMC/Home/Annual+Report)
- Annual Report 2016-2017

## FACILITIES AVAILABLE ATDMC

### Library

Delhi Minorities Commission has a library having a stock of approximately 1700 books. The inventory is being computerized and the library is being upgraded.

Information dissemination System:

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### Media Activity

DMC keeps a record of important developments about minorities and what is published in the media about the DMC. Chairman and Members regularly interact with the media and issue statements and reports whenever there is any important development or issue considered by the Commission. The Commission keeps good rapport with mediapersons. A press conference was held on 21 July, 2017 to apprise media of DMC mandate, work and the vision of the new commission. The press conference was well attended and was covered especially by Urdu press. Mediapersons are always invited to the open meetings of the DMC. Reports about Commission's activities are published promptly and prominently by Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English newspapers, TV channels and news portals in Delhi and other states. In addition to receiving a wide coverage in the national and international media, comments have appeared in the media highly commending the current Commission and its work. Here are two such comments:

Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, President, Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur, writing in *Rashtriya Sahara*, a widely circulated Urdu daily on 2-6-2018 said, *inter alia*: “I have no hesitation in admitting that since Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan took over the charge as head of the Delhi Minorities Commission, the Commission is taking timely notice of any activity against minorities and the Commission is seen active in upholding the rights of minorities. Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan has told the managing director of Sudarshan TV to repent his mistake and deposit an undertaking with the Commission that in future it will act responsibly while broadcasting news. I accept that even Press Council of India and other organisations and authorities monitoring media should emulate the Delhi Minorities Commission in this respect...” (*See DMC annual report 2017-18, p. 132 for the full article*).

Noted columnist Humra Quraishi, writing in *Tehelka* magazine issue of 30 June, 2018. It considered educational reform and installation of the current team at DMC as the two major achievements of the Kejriwal government in NCT of Delhi. (*See DMC annual report 2017-18, pp. 133-4 for the full article*)

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## SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF DMC ACTIVITIES



*DMC Chairman and Members meeting Shri Anil Baijal, Lt. Governor of Delhi, on 22 Nov, 2018*



*DMC Chairman & Members meeting the Delhi Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal on 22 Nov, 2018*

**Press Conference:** Delhi Minorities Commission held a well-attended press conference in its office Friday, 14 December, 2018. During this PC, the Commission explained its working during the past year, its annual report presented to the Delhi Government, its reports on Muslim and Christian graveyards and the names of the winners of this year's DMC Awards which were later presented during the Commission's Annual Conference on 17 December at Vigyan Bhawan.



*DMC publications being released at a press conference in DMC on 14 Dec. 2018*



*Presenting a copy of the annual report to Welfare Minister Shri Gautam on 22 Nov. 2018*



*DMC meeting on 3 July 2018 on harassment of Sikhs in Afghanistan*

### **DMC condemns the killing of Sikhs and Hindus in Afghanistan, holds condolence meeting and writes to the Afghan government**

New Delhi: Delhi Minorities Commission held a condolence meeting on 4 July 2018 in its conference hall where ISIS and similar terrorist organisations were severely condemned and described as a blot on Islam and humanity. Speaking on the occasion, DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan said that such criminals have no place in Islam or among Muslims. Whole humanity and all Muslims curse them and pray to God to put an end to this scourge on earth. He expressed his sympathies with the families of the martyrs and hoped that the Government of Afghanistan will ensure the safety of the life and properties of all its citizens, especially non-Muslim minorities. DMC members Kartar Singh Kochhar and Ms Anastasia Gill also spoke on this occasion. The meeting prayed for the Sikhs and Hindus martyred in this terrorist attack and called upon the Government of Afghanistan to properly compensate their families and provide safety and security to all Sikhs and Hindus living in Afghanistan.

DMC also sent a memorandum to the Government of Afghanistan through its embassy in Delhi saying that it has taken a grim note of the terrorist incident in Jalalabad. DMC has asked the Government of Afghanistan to ensure the safety of all Sikhs, Hindus and other minorities in Afghanistan and to pay a proper compensation to the families of the martyrs in the Jalalabad terrorist attack. DMC condemned this terrorist attack and hoped that the Government of Afghanistan will soon arrest the terrorists and punish them as they deserve so that Sikhs and all other minorities in Afghanistan may lead a life of peace and security.



DMC press conference on Afghanistan issue on 4 July 2018



Dr Khan speaking at the symposium on Future of Objective Media held by Alhikmah foundation, Zakir Nagar, 5 August 2018



*DMC Member Anastasia Gill participating at Jantar Mantar on 12 August 2018 against exclusion of Dalit Christians and Muslims from reservation by the 1950 Presidential order*



*DMC Member Anastasia Gill speaking at seminar on minority rights 2-9-18*



Jain spiritual leader Acharya Lokesh Muni visiting DMC office on 28 Nov., 2018



DMC Member Anastasia Gill speaking at an awareness camp organised by Indian Social Institute on 2 September 2018. On the right is Indian Social Institute director Dr. Denzil Fernandes



DMC Chairman and Members visiting Rohini jail and interacting with minority inmates on 27 Nov. 2018



Minority awareness camp organised on 11 Feb. 2019 by Educational Technology Foundation Society.  
Mr Mohammad Ishraq(MLA, Seelampur) participated the chief guest. Sh. Kartar Singh Kochhar,  
Member of DMC, addressed. He is seen above at the centre of the group.



*A citizens' delegation visiting DMC on 7 Sept., 2018*



*DMC Member Anastasia Gill in a group photo after an awareness camp on 15 Sept. 2018*



DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan speaking at an educational conference at Majidia School, Yamuna Vihar on 31-10-18; Dr Khan presenting an award at the conference

*DMC  
Chairman  
Dr Zafarul-  
Islam Khan  
participating  
in education  
walk in Old  
Delhi on  
11 November  
2018*



*DMC Member Anastasia Gill at awareness camp organized by HEAL NGO at St. Michael's School basement, Prasad Nagar on 10 Feb. 2019*



*Awareness camp on 23 September 2018 organised by the Samaj Vikash Samiti at Jawahar Mohalla, Patparganj*





Commission Chairman meeting with a delegation from New Ashok at DMC office on 16 September 2019



DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan and Member Anastasia Gill at a Xmas programme organized by CISRS at Jangpura on 7 December 2018. Also seen are Mr Sardar Gurminder Singh Matharu and Ovais Sultan Khan



*Awareness and training camp held by Indian Social Institute on 21 January 2019*



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DMC Member Anastasia Gill speaking at an advisory members meeting on 2 May 2019



DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar at an awareness camp in Shanti Mohalla on 12 December 2018



DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar at an awareness camp held by the Betia Foundation in December 2018



DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar at an awareness camp held by Ujjwal Mahila Vikas Society at Zakir Nagar, Okhla on 28 December 2018.



*DMC Member Anastasia Gill at an advisory members meeting on 1 May 2019*



*DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar at an awareness camp held by Kriti Foundation on 19 September 2019*



*DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar at an awareness camp held by the Institute of Learning at Gaddha colony, New Delhi 110044 on 28 March 2019*



*DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar attending an awareness camp held by Aakanksha Samiti on 30-11-2018 at E-Block Raghbir Nagar*



*Dr Khan welcoming a Sikh delegation, December 2018*

**Dr Khan attends Istanbul World Forum:** Chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan attended the World Forum at Istanbul, Turkey during 3-4 October in his private capacity. At the Forum he spoke on the Indian Muslim minority. Statesmen, intellectuals, authors, researchers and journalists converge on Istanbul to deliberate at this Forum on major issues facing the world.





*Shri Ram Niwas Goyel, Hon'ble Speaker of Delhi Assembly, accepting a memento during the DMC annual conference (17 December 2018)*



*Speaking at the annual conference: (Left) Shri Ram Niwas Goyel, Hon'ble Speaker of Delhi Assembly; (Right) Welfare Minister Shri Rajendra Pal Gautam*

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 Minister of Social Welfare, Delhi  
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Prof. Aftab Alam receiving a memento from Shri Sri Niwas Goyel, Speaker of Delhi Assembly, during the annual conference



(Left) Noted intellectual and former member of Union Planning Commission, Syeda Saiyidain Hameed

(Right) Revenue Minister Revenue Shri Kailash Gahlot





*Shri Kailash Gehlot, Revenue Minister, being felicitated by DMC Member Anastasia Gill*



*Shri Rajendra Pal Gautam, Welfare Minister, being felicitated by DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar*



*DMC Member Anastasia Gill speaking at the annual conference*



*Avtar Singh Kalka MLA being felicitated at the annual conference*



*Audience at the annual conference*



*Audience at the annual conference*





*Prof. Aftab Alam delivering his keynote address on minority rights at the annual conference*



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DMC Chairman Dr Zafarul-Islam Khan speaking at the annual conference





*Dr Syeda Saiyidain Hameed felicitated by DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar*



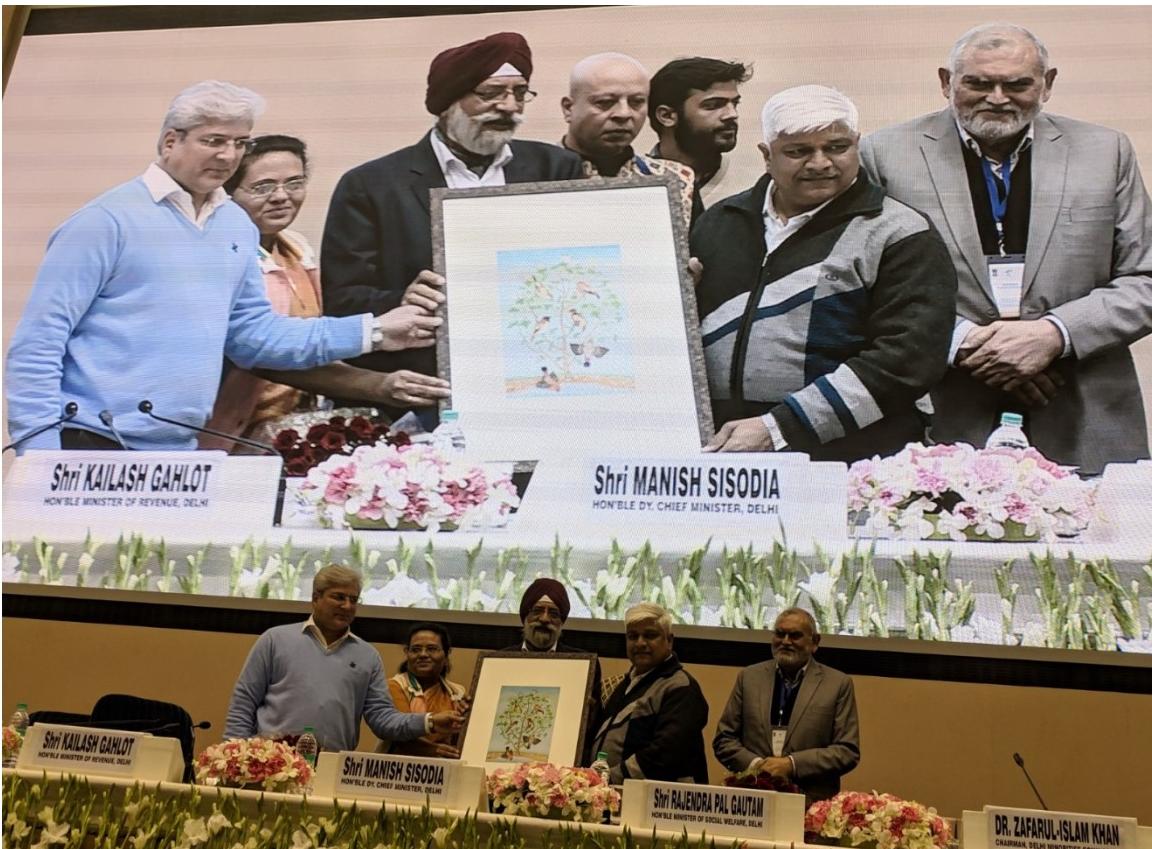
*DMC Member Anastasia Gill felicitating Ms. Aatishi*



*Ministers Gahlot and Gautam accepting mementos at the annual conference*



*Delhi Assembly Speaker Shri Goel felicitated by DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar*



*Ministers Gahlot and Gautam accepting mementos at the annual conference*



*Dr Syeda Saiyidain Hameed speaking at the annual conference*



*Audience at the annual conference*





DMC Member Anastasia Gill speaking at an awareness camp organized by HEAL in Basti Vikas Kendra, Holambi Kalan on 29 Dec., 2018



Prof. Vipin Tripathi being honoured, Jan. 2019



DMC Member Anastasia Gill speaking at JDV Pune Programme on Minorities Rights, 18 January, 2019



DMC Member Anastasia Gill at Karnal Programme on 15 April 2019

DMC Member Anastasia Gill  
at the women empowerment on  
Labour's day  
in Pune/Bhopal  
during 1st Feb. to 5th Feb., 2019





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DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar with Jathedar Gyani Gurbachan Singhji showing him his book, 8-5-18



DMC Member Kartar Singh Kochhar at the Heal NGO awareness programme, 1-7-18



DMC Members Kochhar and Gill with group in an awareness programme 1-7-18



DMC Chairman with leaders of Mulle Jat incl Delhi MLA Shokeen on 22-7-19

## “COMMENTS”

### **Palwal report**

“The Commission has done a commendable job by taking the initiative to reach the logical conclusion regarding the disputing claims.”

**Prof. Abdul Majeed Qazi**, Jamia Millia Islamia

31-10-2018

### **DMC Annual Conference (1)**

Congratulations on successful organisation of Annual Day of the DMC. Our Trusts, Khawaja Usman Harooni Trust and Empower India Trust, extend full support to the DMC in carrying out and implementing its mandate. In fact, we have high regard and appreciation for the DMC for the way it has been taking up the minority issues. This is unparalleled and historical in the history of DMC. The DMC has established the landmarks which will be difficult to be surpassed by any successors. We are keen to hold Minority Rights Awareness Camps with the support of DMC and would like to collaborate and partner with DMC in every possible way. Regards.

**Mohd. Khalid Khan**, former Joint Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat,  
Chairman, Empower India Trust and  
Chief Advisor and Trustee, Khawaja Usman Harooni Trust.

21-12-2018

### **DMC Annual Conference (2)**

I write to thank you for the quite undeserved honour bestowed upon me. It is so nice to see a commission that is making so much effort to create an atmosphere of harmony and understanding amongst the population of Delhi. I would be happy to assist with spreading the message here in Delhi and wherever else you think it is important to bring peace. We cannot let this narrative of hate succeed.

**Maja Daruwala**, Senior Advisor,  
Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, New Delhi  
19-12-2018

### **Christian-Muslim dialogue**

I just saw the report on the seminar organized by your Commission on Christian-Muslim relations with reference to the Dubai document. This report is quite encouraging and I compliment you on your bold initiative in the current atmosphere of hate mongering patronized by powerful quarters. I am sure the Indian tradition is quite rich in this respect and can provide many new directions beyond the Dubai document. I wish you all success & may Allah give you strength to carry on your noble mission and protect you from all satanic forces.

**Prof. Muhammad Al Ghazali**, Judge Shariat Appelate Bench,  
Supreme Court of Pakistan, 1-4-2019



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# Teachers in schools

dened poets TGTs in Punjabi language are yet to be filled. TGTs are eligible to teach up to class XI and XII students. The situation is still better in case of Urdu, as there are more TGTs available. All aameen.

Urdu, respectively, said despite a large number of students, being taught in fewer schools, a large number of subjects, for these subjects, students between class 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> are opting for Urdu. This is also true for Punjabi. This is why the 50% of languages are being taught in fewer schools in Faisalabad, according to the sources.

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because they are not scoring and it might affect their results. But the major reason is the lack of teachers for the disciplines," he opined.

In response to a notice to a Khan school, the DSCC issued a warning to the teacher there last week. The teacher promised to submit his resignation letter to the DSCC by Friday.

"The DSCC has been in touch with the teacher and will take further action if he fails to do so," said Sandeep Singh, a member of the DSCC's committee who has compiled a report.

Sanjay Goel, DSCC director, said "Lack of demand" as the reason behind the "vacant" posts and "Wherever there is no demand there is no teacher and when there is no teacher we make all efforts to appoint a teacher to a post."

In response, Sarah Kaleka told the commission there was no team discipline and punishment had been one-sided. The commission has concluded that the RTD Act on the Right to Punishment is unconstitutional and schools must change their policies. In Jan 2004, the commission issued a report demanding that the RTD be removed from all government teachers' aid and all gover-

The Council has also received a report from the Department of Education and Training concerning the provision of services to students from government schools that have been provided by third parties. The report states that the 110 government schools in Victoria are being taught in English, while 10 are being taught in a language other than English. It is said that as of 1992, 100% of students in government schools in Victoria are being taught in English. The report also states that the majority of students in government schools in Victoria are being taught in English.

not been as successful as the Punjabi as the language of instruction. DMC chairman Dr. S. M. Khan, submitted them that offi- cial languages of the government should be Punjabi and English. The report of the sectioned deposit of teachers (TGT) in Delhi states at page 25 that the government has decided to make Punjabi as the language of instruction in schools. The report also states that the government has decided to make Punjabi as the language of instruction in schools.

"Some students told us that  
heads of the schools told  
Shahdara, said Urdu Khar-  
jali languages are not being  
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## NOTES





*DMC Chairman and Members presenting a copy of the DMC Annual Report 2017-18 and other publications to  
Shri Anil Baijal, Lt. Governor of Delhi on 22 November, 2018*



*Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi releasing DMC's Annual Report 2017-18 on  
28 November 2018*



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